



**Lewiston Disability Advisory Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 16, 2023 - 12:00 PM**  
**Lewiston City Hall – Back Conference Room – 1134 F Street**  
**Lewiston, Idaho 83501**

Members In Attendance: Constance Vance, Amy Brogan, Matthew Ruth, Mike Feeney, Mark Havens

Members Not In Attendance: Eric Peterson

Non-Members In Attendance: Suzanne Seigneur, Nikki Province, Leah Burris

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order at 12:04pm

**I. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

a None.

**II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. LEWISTON TRANSIT COMPANION FEE**

- a. Commissioner Vance states she brought this up to inquire about companions, such as work companions, being able to ride free along with individuals with disabilities on the Lewiston Transit System. Transit Manager Suzanne Seigneur states personal care attendants can ride free on both the fixed route and dial-a-ride. They do have to be with the person they are providing care for in order to ride free. The personal care attendants just have to tell the driver that they are with a rider. Ms. Seigneur states they also provide two-for-one ride tokens to state agencies and other non-profit organizations. Mr. Havens states Interlink deals with the same thing but sometimes run into problems with not being notified ahead of time that a companion will be accompanying the rider. Mr. Havens asks how common it is for a rider to have a personal care attendant. Ms. Seigneur states about 15% of riders but that number is increasing, and they are typically husband and wife.

**B. TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE – CALL FOR REQUESTS**

- a. Mr. Havens states Commissioner Peterson is probably the best-equipped member for addressing what projects should be attended to sooner rather than later. Ms. Province states she believes an email was sent to DAC members but she will send it again. Ms. Province explains the request and states she will email the group with information. Mrs. Burris states requests can be submitted online.

**III. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT LETTER** – Discussion of request for letter of support from City of Lewiston Public Works for a Child Pedestrian Safety Grant Program the department is applying for to be utilized for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk infill project
  - a. Ms. Province states there is a letter Public Works and Commissioner Vance wrote in support of Public Works in applying for a Child Pedestrian Safety Grant Program on behalf

of DAC. Mr. Havens clarifies there are pieces of sidewalk missing in the Orchards neighborhood that this would assist in filling in. Mr. Havens motions to approve the letter and Ms. Brogan seconds the motion. All present members vote in favor. Chairman Vance will sign the letter so Ms. Province can provide it to Public Works.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the October 12, 2023 meeting minutes

- a. October's meeting was canceled, so there are no minutes to approve. September's minutes will be voted on in December.

**IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a Ms. Burris states the Commission had discussed having Tecla Druffle attend to discuss guardianships. The group is still interested in having her attend.
- b Mr. Havens states Gayle Worthington from the Commission for the Blind may be a good guest to have at a future meeting.

**V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- a None.

**VI. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS**

- a Ms. Province states the legal department is hosting an appreciation event for City volunteers, which includes Boards and Commissions. The event is in February at the Library. Ms. Province states she will provide more details as the event gets closer.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- a Meeting adjourned at 12:52pm.