

**Walla Walla/Columbia County
Accessible Communities Advisory Committee
In person and Zoom Meeting FINAL Agenda
3/16/22
5:30 pm - 7 pm**

PLEASE NOTE: The in-person meeting will be held at Valley Transit at 1401 West Rose Street, Walla Walla. Masks will be required, social distancing to be followed. SonBridge site not available on Wednesdays at our current meeting time.

Welcome

February Minutes Approval

Sub-Committee Reports - Due to the length of the meeting, please send any reports in writing to committee members prior to the meeting.

By-Laws Committee: Connie - [proposed by-laws changes](#) to be discussed, first reading no action to be taken until April 20, 2022 meeting

Membership Committee: Connie - [updated list of recruitment needs](#)

Community Outreach Committee: Kati - no report

Grant Proposal Committee: Connie, Jeanne, and Joe - (meetings on March 16th and March 20th) meeting to be scheduled, proposals due by April 8th - [Grant Committee March Report](#)

Communications/Media Committee: Connie/ Larry (open position) - [rack cards](#) and [business cards](#) to be discussed, please bring your feedback. Social Media partnership to be discussed. Larry, Betsy and Connie met with City Manager Nabil Shawa, Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Engineer Michael Laughery to discuss downtown plaza and disability parking. We also discussed employment and housing options plus provided the GCDE report and copies of our draft rack cards. The leadership team met with Tom Scribner, Mayor, on Mar. 4 and shared the GCDE report and our rack cards provided information about our committee. Both meetings were very productive. Orchids to Larry for doing the parking study and for Betsy for pulling it all together in a beautiful written format. These two were rock stars! [Accessible Parking Final](#)

Transportation Update: Timothy Barrett

Goals

- 1) **Employment** - Improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities
- 2) **Housing** - Increase affordable housing for individuals in the disability community, providing more choices in where they can live
- 3) **Accessibility** - Increase accessibility in Walla Walla Valley, making it more desirable for residents and tourism
- 4) **Care Options** - Increase care options for parents/guardians of children and adults with disabilities to provide respite alternatives, care options, and enrichment opportunities.

Goal Progress

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- 1) **Employment Report Update**- Cindy
- 2) **Housing Report Update** - Larry (needs chair)
- 3) **Accessibility Report Update** - Larry and Betsy ([see Betsy's recent article](#)) - [Larry's Report](#)
- 4) **Care options Report Update** - (needs chair) - no report

Walla Walla County Department of Health Report - Nancy Wentzel or designee

Announcements and Further Discussion Items

- 1) Waiting on scheduling from shared meeting with local Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- 2) Waiting on scheduling for affordable housing ad hoc committee presentation and city council work session presentation for Connie and Larry

Moving Forward - What are our next steps?

- a) Membership Recruitment and Application for Members Whose Terms Have Expired
- b) Employment
 - i) Inclusion Stickers
- c) Housing - Need new ad hoc chair
- d) City of Walla Walla Next Steps
 - i) WWACAC member to serve on Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Issue - current opening, receiving applications
 - ii) Develop a checklist for Downtown Alfresco Accessibility for Policy Development - Betsy and Anikó
 - iii) Develop pamphlet and materials on Accessibility for Building Permit Office - Betsy and Anikó
 - iv) Partner with Developmental Disabilities in Inclusion Stickers and Informational Pamphlets for Walla Walla Businesses
 - v) Possible Grants and Revenue Options
 - vi) Downtown Accessibility Study of Parking Options and Sidewalks Walkways with Alfresco Outside Dining - Larry

Public Comment

For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting Date - Valley Transit on April 20, 2022. A Zoom format will also be available for those needing this accommodation. [Meeting Dates ACAC 2022](#)

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Adjournment