



City of Salisbury
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2022

Committee Members Present

Adith Thummalapalli
Greg Tyler
Ivy McIntyre
Michelle Hahn
Katherine Jones
Jeremy Wolfer
Amy Crouse

In Attendance

Jessie Turner, Mayor's Office Administrative Assistant, City of Salisbury

Call to Order

- The Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting was called to order at 3:13 by Adith.

Last Meeting Minutes Review

- Motion by Greg and seconded by Ron to review and approve the meeting minutes from October 2022. The minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Progress Reports

Re-Write of By-Laws: Adith shared that anyone who has additional comments concerning the re-write of the by-laws should send them to Ron who will send a draft for review at February's committee meeting.

Citizen Concern—Shore Transit

Crystal Waters, a Salisbury citizen, spoke with DAC at the October meeting about the concern she has with accessibility to reliable transportation. Follow up on that: Jeremy spoke with a contact who can advocate for better para-transportation options. Additionally, Adith reached out to Will White, the City Transportation Manager about a contact at Shore Transit. Many larger vehicles require a CDL license, which reduces the number of drivers available. The next step could be to meet with Shore Transit leadership and then invite Dr. Shandley to a DAC meeting. Ron asked about the salary of Shore Transit drivers, and that is something that could be investigated by the group in order to make recommendations in the future.

Open Discussion

- Katherine would like to be added to the agenda for February to do a presentation on the Assisted Loan Program.

- Ron presented a proposal for ramps in Salisbury. The proposal was emailed to the committee prior to this meeting. The proposal is for portable ramps to be used in places where access is not available. The first steps would be to find out how Mayor and City Council feel and to conduct an interest survey.
- Michelle suggested reaching out to Bill Chambers, Chamber of Commerce, as a connection to downtown businesses. She also recommended reaching out to Foodie Tour group.
- Greg brought up the topic of the Federal Infrastructure Bill, and the committee agreed that Ron should move forward with gathering more information about this.

Agency Updates

- Katherine updated the committee on Bay Area's Health and Wealth Center for clients and caretakers and talked of the educational and social resources that are available free of charge. She also mentioned that the agency is one year into the creation of the BYOB (Bring Your Own Baby) program.

Next Meeting Date

- Thursday, February at 3:00 pm in GOB 306

Adjournment

- The DAC meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Jessie Turner, City Liaison for the Disability Advisory Committee