



CITY OF SALISBURY  
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2025, 3:00 p.m. GOB Room 306

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87637660320>

**Committee Members Present**

Katherine Jones

Amy Crouse

Greg Tyler

Jessica Cook

Brandon Theriot

Virginia Bender

Ivy McIntyre

**Members Absent**

Ron Pagano

Jeremy Wolfer

Shanda Ward

**In Attendance**

Adith Thummalapalli, Project Engineer City of Salisbury

**Call to Order**

- The Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Katherine.

**Introductions & Welcome**

- All active members introduced themselves and guests Mr. Bradley Gillis and Mr. Dan Herr introduced themselves.

**Last Meeting Minutes Review**

- Motion by Virginia and seconded by Ivy to review and approve the meeting minutes from November 2024. The minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

### **Active DAC Projects – Progress Reports**

#### **City Provided Ramps for Downtown Businesses**

- Katherine and Adith provided an update from their meeting on 11/20 with Jessie. The Mayor received the letter from Ron and showed enthusiasm for the ramp initiative, but wanted to attend a DAC meeting in the future to discuss further details prior to authorizing the committee to proceed with the initiative. He was unable to attend this meeting, but hoped to be in attendance for the March meeting.

### **Guest: Mr. Bradley Gillis – Salisbury Town Center Parking & Disability Access**

- Mr. Gillis is the developer for the Salisbury Town Center project and presented the project to the DAC in order to get feedback regarding the accessibility of the proposed site plan and proposed parking set up. A lengthy discussion took place during which Mr. Gillis asked a number of questions and the members of the committee provided their opinions as representatives of the disability community at large.

### **Agency Updates**

- No significant updates from any agencies.

### **Open Discussion/Concerns for DAC to Address**

#### **ADA Noncompliance and Improvements at GOB**

- Adith discussed a complaint that was brought to the attention of the City about the doorknobs throughout the GOB being non-complaint with ADA regulations. This prompted a comment regarding the inaccessibility of the bathrooms in the building, and what could be done about both issues. The GOB is owned and operated by Wicomico County, so any issues would have to be addressed by them, so a discussion would need to occur with Building Facilities Management at a later date. Mr. Dan Herr, ASFCME Union Representative for the City of Salisbury, suggested that the City employee union could get involved and push for the changes, given that the inaccessibility of the doorknobs and bathrooms are posing a severe inconvenience to employees and visitors to the GOB.

### **Adjourn**

- Next Meeting (3/13/2025 at 3:00 pm)

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ivy and seconded by Katherine.  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adith Thummalapalli*

Adith Thummalapalli, City Liaison