

# WHATCOM COUNTY - AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

## MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023; 1:00-2:00PM

Location: Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

### Committee Members Present:

Paul Glasser

Mark Challender

### ADA Coordinator and County Representatives:

Karen Hemmett, ADA Coordinator, HR Rep

Julie Smith, HR Office Coordinator

Daniel Goger, Special Projects Manager, Facilities

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### 1. Welcome, roll call, meeting instructions (Karen Hemmett)

### 2. Whatcom County Facilities Report: (Daniel Goger)

#### Restrooms Accessibility Update

- Facilities had previously installed motion activated doors on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor restrooms and have just completed installing them on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor as well.
- They are installing motion activated faucets throughout the courthouse. The new ones will be installed periodically when there is a need to replace the old ones.

#### Other Facility Updates

- A new call button has been installed at the south entrance of courthouse for anyone needing assistance from security.
  - Karen Hemmett asked if there is also a call button on the inside of the doors for anyone needing assistance going outside. Daniel said he wasn't sure but the security personnel will continue to be stationed there to assist.
  - Mark Challender asked where the outside call button was located and what the size of it is. Daniel said it's on the wall outside of the door and slightly bigger than a doorbell. Mark shared a potential challenge with this design as it's not as accessible as a stand-alone button on a pedestal would be. It is difficult to get a wheelchair close to the wall.
- They are planning to install 3 new ADA parking stalls on north end of courthouse.
- Facilities is also in the process of updating all court rooms, such as replacing older doors and making the court rooms more accessible.

#### Follow up to elevator improvement in rotunda

- Mark asked when the project to update the elevator at the north entrance of the courthouse will be completed as it has been discussed multiple times with still no resolution.
  - Daniel said Facilities hasn't been focused on the project at this time due to other security projects.

- Mark expressed frustration that the elevator hasn't been fixed and provided suggestions as to what needs to be fixed on this type of elevator design.
- Karen Hemmett will follow up with Rob and will send a status update via email before the next ADA meeting.

**3. Public comment period:** None

**4. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

**5. Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 1:27pm