

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

MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Tuesday June 7, 2022; 1:00-2:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Kathy Kershner, County Councilmember

Richard Adriance-Exner

Mark Challender

John Radwanski

ADA Coordinator and County Representatives:

Karen Hemmett, ADA Coordinator, HR Rep

Julie Smith, HR Office Coordinator

Trevor Speidel, Facilities Spec. Projects Coordinator

Rob Ney, Project & Operations Manager, Facilities

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1. **Welcome, roll call, meeting instructions** (Karen Hemmett)
 2. **Committee Member Introductions**
 3. **Whatcom County Facilities Report:** (Rob Ney)

Restrooms Accessibility Issue Update

- Rob has ordered a couple of electric door openers to install for the first floor restrooms to make sure they will work as designed. Install group will reach out to Mark Challender once they are ready to be installed to receive feedback on height.

Elevator Ramp Project in rotunda of courthouse update

- Rob and Mark Challender met at the rotunda to discuss the concerns and questions he has. Trevor Speidel is currently looking into solutions.

4. **Follow up on signage re: hearing assistance availability in Council Chambers** (Karen Hemmett)

It was discussed during a previous meeting that there wasn't enough signage for the availability of hearing devices in the Council Chambers. Karen went to look and didn't see signs inside the chambers, but there is a sign outside the door. Karen has put in a request with Facilities to order an additional sign to sit in the council chambers near the hearing devices.

5. **Public Comment Period:** No members from the public were present

6. Other business (Karen Hemmett)

Wendy Miller will be leaving the committee. We need to have 3 members from the community who represent people with disabilities. The vacancy will be posted on the County website. Karen will share the link once it's posted.

7. Next meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2022

8. Adjournment at 1:12 p.m.