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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, January 25, 2021

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

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AGENDA

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Announcements**
- 3. Review November 30, 2020 Meeting Notes (attachment 1)**
- 4. Updates / Reports / Presentations**
 - a. Land Acknowledgment - Marsha
 - b. Council for Human Rights Conference - Marsha
 - c. Project Funding Available (attachment 2)
 - d. Member Updates (attachment 3)
 - e. Project Updates on the Web - Hannah
 - f. Hippocampe
 1. Order status
 2. Rentals through Nick Prevo
 - Gearbanks rental agreement/contact info web
- 5. Delegation of Tasks / Moving Forward / Next Steps**
 - a. Updates on Loops -Beth
 - b. Portable Ramps - Damon
 - c. Compiling Resources-Jefferson -Marsha
 - d. Education, Low Budget – Google draft letter-Marsha
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Meeting Dates: TBA via Zoom**
- 8. Closing Comments**
- 8. Adjourn**



Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, November 30, 2020

ATTENDING: Marsha Cutting, Charlotte Shepherdson, James Kinneson, Kat Woofter and Staff: Hannah Shockley

Meeting: Called to order by Marsha Cutting 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Were conducted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marsha gave updates on Beth Eisenhood

Marsha will attend the virtual, Human Rights Conference on Friday, October 30th. She will be presenting on Ableist language. Ableism is the systematic exclusion and oppression of people with disabilities, often expressed and reinforced through language

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES October 26, 2020

Motion James Kinneson made a motion to approve the agenda and meeting notes as revised. Kathryn Woofter seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UPDATES:

a. Hippocampe Updates

- Invoice has been received from VIPOMAT and Kitsap County Auditor's department is currently entering the vendor into the system so payment can be made. Once they are officially in the system and payment has been received, VIPOMAT will ship the chairs to Bainbridge Island's Parks and Recreation. It is uncertain when Bainbridge will begin renting out the chairs to the community. Everything is uncertain in the COVID environment
- Discussion was held on starting to develop a news release, so it is ready once the chairs are available

MOVING FORWARD:

a. Loops in Kitsap and Local Device Lending Library

- Charlotte announced the WATAP.org website. It is the Washington Assistive Technology Act Program, Technology for Independence
- There is availability to explore the site by activity or function, including seeing, hearing, speaking, managing information and fine motor and getting around

- Go to Services, Inventory, Device Loan then filter your search under device category and device type
- To fulfil the request, one must register for an account at <https://myatprogram.org/home>

b. Portable Ramps

- a. No updates

c. Compiling Resources:

- Marsha contacted the Downtown Business Association and offered to bring the Business Accessible Stickers to them to hand out. They asked that she wait until after COVID environment changes and business resume to normal
- Charlotte revisited reaching out to college programs and high schools to discuss having them design and create informational videos to display and promote awareness on different abilities through the web site

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT STEPS

1. **Marsha volunteered to write a letter that would accompany the Business Stickers, this letter would inform business that they can update their business with Google and have more accuracy on accessibility features of the establishment. It would have a brief overview of how they could do this**

OTHER DISCUSSION

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting January 27th via Zoom platform. No December meeting.

New meeting location once approved, will be held at Skookum, Sol Duc room, 4525 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, WA 98312

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

My name is Megan Mason-Todd and I am the new Chair of the GCDE Accessibility Communities (AC) Subcommittee. I wanted to give you an update on our 2020 year and what we are hoping to accomplish in 2021.

Funding:

For the July 2019 -2020 fiscal year we granted \$54,309.56 to Island, Jefferson, Pierce and Spokane Counties.

So far in the July 2020-June 2021 fiscal year we have granted \$26,045.66 to Island and Kitsap Counties. We have \$68,966.11 left to grant for this fiscal year.

As you may know, our grant funding comes from tickets that are written to people who park illegally in parking spots designated for people with disabilities. GCDE's AC subcommittee receives \$100 per ticket. The rest of the funding goes into the general treasury account.

As you can tell, we don't have a great deal of grant money. When submitting grants please consider breaking your grant into smaller chunks so we able to grant money for part of your project if we don't have money to fund the entire project.

Application Cycle:

The GCDE AC Subcommittee has decided to review grant applications twice a year. This is to allow us to grant multiple counties funding at one time. If you plan to submit a grant please make sure we receive your applications by August or March. Funding will be granted in October and May. We have found that once grant applications are submitted there are number of emails and phone calls that go back and forth between the counties and the GCDE AC subcommittee to gather clarifying information. The earlier a project is submitted the more likely a counties application will be ready for review at the GCDE's AC Subcommittee's October and May review meetings.

Something new we are doing this year is offering county ACACs with grant proposals an opportunity give a brief presentation at our virtual Accessible Communities meetings regarding their proposal. This is completely optional and by giving a presentation at our meeting won't guarantee you will receive funding, it will give counties an opportunity to communicate directly with us. Conversely, if you choose not to present at our meeting, we will still consider your grant proposal.

Website:

<https://accessiblecommunities.wa.gov/> we are constantly adding resources to this website so please check it out.

2021 County Meeting:

In late Spring or early Summer this year we will host a meeting with all the counties interested in starting an ACAC and the counties who already have ACACs. The purpose of this meeting will be to offer advice on how to start an ACAC and to for you all to share best practices on how you run/manage the current ACAC. We will also share with you what a complete proposal looks like and answer any questions you have about the necessary paperwork required.

We wish you a happy and healthy New Year!
Megan Mason-Todd
Chair, Accessible Communities Subcommittee

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Monday, February 22, 2021

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

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2. **Announcements:** Welcome Liv Counsel
3. **Review January 25, 2021 Meeting Notes** (attachment 1)
4. **Updates / Reports / Presentations**
 - a. DD Virtual Event - Hannah
 - b. GOOGLE -Accessible Attributes letter -Marsha
 - c. Updates on Ramps Handrails - Damon
 - d. WOLF TV Updates - Charlotte
 - e. Duet Bikes and Project Submission Deadlines – Marsha
5. **Delegation of Tasks / Moving Forward / Next Steps**
6. **New Business**
7. **Meeting Dates:** TBA via Zoom
8. **Closing Comments**
8. **Adjourn**

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Meeting: Called to order by Marsha Cutting 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Land Acknowledgement read by Marsha

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES November 30, 2020

Motion James Kinneson made a motion to approve the agenda and meeting notes as presented. Damon Sallee seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UPDATES:

b. Council for Human Rights Conference Recap

Marsha gave a recap on her involvement in the conference and shared with the group the education piece she presented in her workgroup on Ableist Language.

Ableist language is **language** that is offensive to people with disability. It can also refer to **language** that is derogatory, abusive or negative about disability. **Ableism** is the systemic exclusion and oppression of people with disability, often expressed and reinforced through **language**. -pwd.org

- Eugenics evolution and offensive language that increases stigmas
- Alternative words suggested by the workgroup

Charlotte included;

- Universal terms and the medical field descriptors
- Defer to individual preference when possible
- Informingfamilies.org Ivanova Smith
- Disability etiquette slide show, will send to the group

Damon referenced Washington Community Guided resources which he will research and share with the group that cover this topic.

c. Project Funding Available

- Funding year runs through July 2020 – June 2021
- The Subcommittee will only review proposals twice a year with funding awarded in May and October (October being a new funding year 2021-2022)
- There is \$68,966 left for this calendar cycle

- Proposals need to be in by March 2021
- Discussion on ramps, Damon has reached out to Jeremy
 - Would this be the best project to submit as amended by March
- Discussion held on the Duet bike, places and ideas for housing
 - Sheds with codes that change for each check out
 - Shared bikes in Seattle, system

d. Member Updates

- Reviewed for edits

e. Project Updates on the Web

- Projects approved and pending, information is available on the Kitsap County ACAC website

f. Hippocampe

- Chairs were ordered and shipped. They will be delivered Wednesday, January 27th to Bainbridge Parks and Recreation.
- Once the chairs are available to the public, ACAC will be notified.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Charlotte contacted South Kitsap production teacher for WOLF TV for possible opportunities on awareness productions. She will share more info as it is obtained.**

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Damon will get a quote from Jeremy on handrails for portable ramps and see if there is Washington Community Guided resources for Ableist Language**
- 2. Marsha will draft the Google letter**
- 3. Charlotte will get more information on WOLF TV opportunities and email Disability Etiquette slide show**

OTHER DISCUSSION

- Discussion on moving Charlotte to chair and nominating and voting in a new vice chair in February.
- JR and Kat were featured in an article on accessibility and transportation. Story Map through Washington State Transportation, shared with the group
- Charlotte will be speaking to Rotary groups on Accessible playgrounds
- Damon gave updates on ADA Fish Park, open now

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting February 22nd via Zoom platform.

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Hi Hannah,

It is time again for the Annual Kitsap County DD Resource Fair. Due to restrictions caused by Covid-19, this will not be the usual in-person vendor fair, where attendees would collect organizational information from a designated vendor table. I am reaching out for the ACAC committee.

~Instead, this year we are hosting a **"2021 Virtual Kitsap County DD Resource Fair,"** event page where, the DD community will be invited to virtually visit agencies by clicking on their website. Agencies will be categorized by services.

~The 2021 Virtual Kitsap County DD Resource Fair will go online Friday, April 1st, and be accessible to everyone for the entire month. A flyer with the details will be coming out the beginning of March.

What We Ask Of Your Agency:

- Fill out this brief **Form** that we will use to categorize and compile your information and website link.*
- **Please complete the form no later than, Thursday, Feb. 18th.**
*If you do not have a website but would like to have copies of organizational documents provided to attendees, please respond to me with attached documents.

Considerations for Your Website to support this event could include:

- Designating a special "Kitsap County DD Resource Fair" spot on your website's front page, with information directly related to the fair.
- Providing an introductory recording, less than 3 minutes in length, that welcomes attendees to your virtual "table."
- Give a brief overview of your program, focusing on the services you can provide to the DD community.
- Post additional contact links, social media info, phone numbers, and names of other
- Other DD programs you partner with in the community.

Thank you for considering our request to participate in this virtual DD resource fair, I hope to hear from you soon.

Kelly Oneal, DD Coordinator 360-337-4624 or koneal@co.kitsap.wa.us

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS'S ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility attributes are a simple way to attract more people to your business. Attributes are shared with customers who have specific accessibility needs. They indicate whether your business's entrance, restrooms, seating, parking and or elevator are accessible for people in wheelchairs.



Makes it easy to advertise your establishment's inclusive attributes and let customers know.

- The entrance is 3 feet wide without stairs
- The restrooms are accessible without stairs, entrance is 3 feet wide and has a 3 feet wide stall entrance
- Tables are at sitting level with access to navigate to the table with room to sit without stairs
- Elevator is large enough to accommodate a wheelchair

[GET STARTED: Manage your Business settings](#)

Under Attributes answer YES if you meet this criteria.



One in four Americans has a disability, and ten percent of Americans have a serious disability. When these people are selecting a business to patronize, it is important to them to know whether the business can accommodate their needs.

We encourage you to consider the benefits for your business and the community.



-Kitsap County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Duet Tandem Wheelchair Bicycle Proposal

What: This grant application is for funds to purchase two Duet Tandem Wheelchair Bicycles and make them available at two locations in Kitsap County.

Where: One tandem wheelchair bicycle would be located at the _____ shop in Port Gamble, a short distance from a mile-long level section of the Sound to Olympics Trail that is scheduled to be paved in late 2021 or early 2022. The shop owner has agreed to house the bicycle and loan it to interested riders at no cost. The second tandem wheelchair bicycle would be located _____

For Whom: This tandem wheelchair bicycle is suitable for people of all ages who are unable to ride a bicycle on their own for many possible reasons. Frail elderly can be accommodated, as can people with a variety of disabilities, including blindness, multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and cerebral palsy. The Kitsap County Accessible Counties Advisory Committee would publicize the availability of their chairs so that people who wanted to offer a ride to a friend, relative, or care recipient could reserve and use them. They would sign a liability waiver and leave a deposit of some sort (perhaps a drivers license) to ensure return of the bicycle.

Details of the Duet Tandem Wheelchair Bicycle:

The DUET accommodates kids from ages 2 to 99+ and all sizes from 20 to 275 pounds! The DUET is offered in 3 models Basic, Plus, and Electric Plus. Each are colorfully designed and combined the latest in cycle technology with advanced wheelchair design enabling easy and comfortable pedaling to ensure maximum maneuverability with minimum effort. The wheelchair's low center of gravity provides superior weight distribution and overall stability. The DUET wheelchair seat supports the back in a natural position and aids in passenger relaxation. Most importantly, the cyclist can easily communicate and supervise the wheelchair passenger while facing forward. It's the exhilaration of the wind brushing by your face as friends and family ride together. Once you've reached your destination the wheelchair disconnects and can be used independently!

All Duets come with these Standard Features:

- 26" x 1.75" Wheels
- Alloy Luggage Rack
- 90mm Twin Drum Brakes on Wheelchair
- Wheelchair Parking Brake
- Adjustable & Removable Foot Rest
- Adjustable Lap Belt
- Adjustable Handlebars
- Removable and Washable Seat Upholstery (Royal Blue Only)
- Folding Seat with 3 Position Seat Angle
- Chain Guard
- Coaster Brakes
- On-Board Tools for Headrest and Footrest Adjustments
- Quick release locking mechanism to disconnect wheelchair from bicycle

- **DUET Basic 8 Speed** (Includes standard features plus the following)
 - Shimano Nexus 8-Speed Gears

- Blue Bike Frame
- Yellow Wheelchair Seat
- Yellow Footrest

\$4,895.00

https://www.indemedical.com/The-Duet-Tandem-Wheelchair-Bicycle_p_606.html





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- 2. Announcements:** Recap on the Kitsap County Parks meeting for Port Gamble parks vision
- 3. Review February 22, 2021 Meeting Notes** (attachment 1)
- 4. Updates / Reports / Presentations**
 - a. Discussion with Alex Wisniewski, KC Parks Director
 - b. Raab Park -Play for All with Denise Vestman
 - c. Save the Date: June 9th State ACAC
 - d. DD Virtual Event
 - e. Vaccinations-Phase 1a, 1b, Tier 1 and Veterans
 - f. Kitsap Transit rides to Vaccination sites
- 5. Delegation of Tasks / Moving Forward / Next Steps**
 - a. Ramps proposal
 - b. Duet Bikes
- 6. New Business**
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Grace Wu, of Redmond, holds daughter Sabine, 4, in her lap as they take a ride down the slide at Raab Park in Poulsbo on Saturday. The group "Play for All" is working to raise money to build an accessible playground at Raab Park. MEEGAN M. REID/KITSAP SUN

PLAY FOR ALL

Group raising money to build accessible playground at Poulsbo's Raab Park

Owen Stidman Kitsap Sun | USA TODAY NETWORK

It's tough to push a wheelchair over wood chips. It's impossible to fit one on a seesaw. And you certainly can't fit one on a traditional swing. • Most playgrounds aren't accessible to children with disabilities — and not only to those in wheelchairs. Disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy to autism can limit kids' ability to enjoy playgrounds. Debra Vaughan wants to change that.

Vaughan, a member of Poulsbo's Rotary Club, is spearheading an effort to make the playground at Raab Park, 18349 Caldart Ave NE, more accessible to children with disabilities. She's working with the Rotary Club, the city and other members of the community to raise money for the equipment. They call their group "Play for All."

Other accessible playgrounds inspired Vaughan to take on this project.

"When I was living in California, there was an accessible playground not too far from where I lived. That's how I knew they existed," Vaughan said. "Right now, there's nothing like this close by — you have to

drive all the way to Bremerton or Bainbridge."

The county's first accessible playground was built in 2014 at Bremerton's Evergreen-Rotary Park. Owen's Playground at Rotary Park, off Weaver and High School roads on Bainbridge, opened in 2016. Both were built through grants and private donations.

Vaughan's passion for serving the disabled community began when she worked as a speech therapist. She has since retired, but her desire to serve the community is as strong as ever.

"I used to work with children with severe

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First Lady visits Navy, touts military families initiative

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disabilities, and I know how hard it can be for those kids to go to places like playgrounds," Vaughan said. "It's an underserved community, kind of an invisible community. Not enough people advocate for them."

Vaughan wasn't the only Poulsbo resident interested in making the city more accessible. She says that before the project took off, she and another community member pitched the same idea separately. Since then, Play for All has grown into the multi-organizational initiative it is today. She says it took six months to get the city involved.

"The process was pretty involved — I'd never done anything like this before!" she said. "First, we approached a community services committee on the City Council. Then, there's a parks advisory committee that's not part of the City Council, so I had to talk to them. Eventually, after all this, I presented to the City Council, and they got on board."

The city is excited to work with Vaughan and other community members on the project, said Dan Schoonmaker, the city's parks and recreation director since January.

Schoonmaker replaced Mary McCluskey, Poulsbo's longtime parks director who retired at the beginning of 2021. He said the Play for All project was supported by his predecessor.

"When she retired last month, my whole goal was to see her projects through," he said. "I'm just finishing what she started — she and Debra and those guys deserve all the credit."

Play for All hopes to break ground on the playground expansion in summer 2022. The group is working to raise \$800,000 to cover the project.

The group has put in requests for state and federal government grants, and Play for All is hard at work seeking donations.

"We're selling metal plaques to embed in the sidewalk. People can put their names or whatever they want on them," Vaughan said. "Before COVID, we were going to throw house parties and tailgates for fundraising, but obviously, that didn't happen."

Play for All will kick off its independent fundraising at a virtual event on March 21. To find out more, visit playforallpoulsbo.org.

Vaughan says the new playground will feature a wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round and wheelchair-friendly surfacing.

"We're also planning on having a quiet, somewhat enclosed play area for people with autism, so they can chill out in there," Vaughan said. "We'll have different sensory panels in there, too."

Vaughan and Schoonmaker see the project as a significant step toward making Poulsbo more inclusive.

"Inclusivity and equity are the two biggest reasons this project is important right now," Schoonmaker said. "I think when you, as a city, take on a project like this and partner with other community groups, it demonstrates our desire to be inclusive and have a place that people of all abilities can enjoy."

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All-County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC) Virtual Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, June 9th 1:30-3:00 pm

Draft Agenda:

- Share successes with Accessible Communities (AC) grant funding
- Highlight key procedural aspects of AC Procedure Manual
- Talk about what the AC Subcommittee looks for in a successful grant proposal and share updated project proposal forms
- Learn how an ACAC can be formed
- Discuss how to keep an ACAC going and be self-sustaining

Attached is a brochure that explains more about ACACs. We hope you will be able to attend! Thanks.



VIRTUAL

KITSAP COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RESOURCE FAIR

April 1-30, 2021

Explore services in our community in the areas of Education, Advocacy, Support, Employment, Care, Housing, Recreation, Leisure, and more!

Click here: gowise.org/kitsap_county_virtual_transition_resource_fair/

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March 9, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility and Appointments

Beginning Wednesday, March 17, a new group of people is eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine, those in Phase 1b Tier 2. This group includes high-risk critical workers who have public-facing roles (such as in grocery stores and public transit), people with a disability that puts them at high risk, and many other groups. Federal and state guidelines will be issued over the next few months expanding eligible groups.

Individuals currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccination include those in Phase 1a and Phase 1b, Tier1 and Veterans:

Phase 1a

- Healthcare workers
- Emergency responders
- People who live or work in long-term care facilities

Phase 1b, Tier 1

- Everyone 65 or older.
- People 50 or older who live in multigenerational households (two or more generations living together). *This is not intended to include parents living with their children.*
- **(NEW) Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade educators and school staff**
- **(NEW) Child care workers, which include:**
 - Licensed family home child care providers, and the family members living in their home.
 - License-exempt family, friends, and neighbors that accept Working Connections Child Care Subsidy.
 - ECEAP, Washington's state-funded preschool providers. This is similar to the national Head Start program.
 - License-exempt school-age and youth development providers who have been providing care to school-aged children.

AND (NEW) Washington state has expanded eligibility for caregivers under Phase 1a:

- Eligible caregivers (licensed, unlicensed, paid, unpaid, formal, or informal) who support the daily, functional and health needs of another individual who is at high risk for COVID-19 illness due to advanced age, long-term physical condition, [co-morbidities, or development or intellectual disability](#). For the caregiver to be eligible, the care recipient:
 - Must be someone who needs caregiving support for their daily, functioning, and health needs

- Can be an adult or minor child. For dependent minor children, the caregiver is eligible if that child has an [underlying health condition or disability that puts them at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness](#). For example: a caregiver of a minor child with Down syndrome.

All eligibility categories can be found in Washington State Department of Health's [WA State COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization Guidance and Interim Allocation Framework](#)

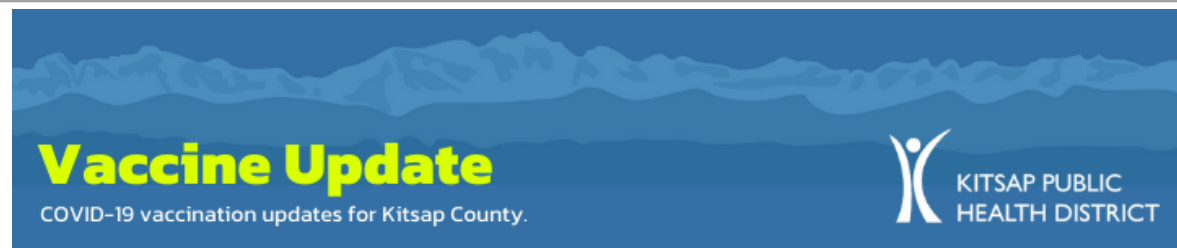
To find out when you can get the vaccine, use the [Phase Finder Tool](#). Learn more about [how Phase Finder works](#).

Vaccine locations are available in Kitsap County, you can find them and check their availability here:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/VaccineLocations#Kitsap>

The bulletin below includes information about COVID-19 vaccination opportunities at the Kitsap Public Health clinic in Bremerton this week. You can learn more at [kcowa.us/vaccine](https://www.kcowa.us/vaccine) or register for [appointments here](#).

Email us at covidvaccine@kitsappublichealth.org with any questions. Thank you!



Kitsap Public Health opening Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine appointments

- *Kitsap Public Health received about 2,300 first doses of Pfizer vaccine for this week, as well as about 400 second doses of Moderna for returning patients.*
 - *Our clinic is open to people who [qualify under Phase 1a or Phase 1b, Tier 1](#). Appointments are required.*
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BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT

- We will release first-dose Pfizer vaccine appointments starting on **MONDAY, MARCH 8**, at kcowa.us/vaccine
- Appointments will be available for Tuesday-Friday, (March 9-12).
- We expect appointments to fill very quickly. Demand for vaccination remains high and appointments are limited.
- **IMPORTANT:** If you book an appointment at our clinic and need to cancel, be sure to cancel your appointment through our Timetap registration system as soon as possible. This allows us to schedule someone else to fill your spot and helps us make the most efficient use of volunteer time and vaccine supplies.

Supporting equitable access

To support equitable access to COVID-19 vaccination, we are reserving a portion of our appointments each week for people who do not have internet, are not able to use an online registration form, or have other barriers to getting vaccinated. Our team will fill these appointments by calling people who have reached out to us for assistance or have been referred to us by community organizations. [Learn more about getting registration help.](#)

Other healthcare providers in our community may have appointments available. View [a list of Kitsap vaccine providers.](#)

SECOND DOSES

We can only provide second doses of vaccine to people who received their first dose at our clinic in the former St. Michael (Harrison) hospital in East Bremerton. If you received your first dose at our clinic, you have already been scheduled for a second dose. If you have a confirmed second-dose appointment at our clinic and need to contact us, email: confirmedvaccineappts@kitsapublichealth.org.

If you received your first dose from a different provider, you will need to coordinate your second dose with your original provider.

19%

of Kitsap County adults
have received at least one
dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

43%

of Kitsap residents 65
and older have received
at least one dose.

WHO CAN GET VACCINATED?

People in phases 1a and 1b Tier 1 of the state's vaccination plan are eligible for this clinic. If you haven't already checked your eligibility, please complete the state's [Phase Finder tool](#). We will ask for verification at the vaccine site.

Phase 1b, Tier 1

- Everyone 65 or older.
- People 50 or older who live in multigenerational households (such as a person older than 50 caring for elders in their home).
- **NEW:** Workers in childcare settings
- **NEW:** PreK-12 educators and staff

Phase 1a

- Healthcare workers
- Emergency responders
- People who live or work in long-term care facilities
- Caregivers supporting an individual at high risk for COVID-19

[Find detailed phase information here.](#)



FindYourPhaseWA.org



1-800-525-0127

KEEP FIGHTING COVID-19

More Kitsap County residents are getting vaccinated, but it will take months for the majority of our community to have protection against COVID-19. We need to keep using [all the tools we have](#) to slow the spread of the virus:

- **Wear a mask** anytime you are around people you don't live with.
- **Keep 6 feet of distance** between you and people you don't live with.
- **Wash your hands** frequently.
- **Be ready to get vaccinated** when you are eligible.

COVID-19 PREVENTION TOOLKIT

Stopping COVID-19 is a big job. We need ALL our tools!




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COVID-19 VACCINE RESOURCES

- [Vaccine updates and information from the CDC](#)
- [Vaccine updates and information for Washington state](#)
- [Kitsap Public Health vaccine updates and information](#)

Questions?

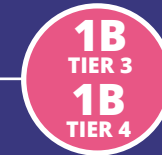
- For general questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, **call the state COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-525-0127** or email covid.vaccine@doh.wa.gov



Kitsap Transit is providing free trips to vaccination centers. If you know of anyone that may need a ride to get a vaccine, please call Kitsap Transit ACCESS 360-479-7272 or 1-800-422-2877 - at least a day ahead. They do not need to be eligible to ride ACCESS for this trip, but they will be required to wear a face mask.

WASHINGTON'S COVID-19 VACCINE PHASES

Find out if it's your turn at [FindYourPhaseWA.org](https://www.findyourphasewa.org)



DECEMBER 2020 – PRESENT 2021

- High-risk health care workers in health care settings
- High-risk first responders
- Long-term care facility residents
- All other workers at risk in health care settings
- All people **65 years or older**
- All people **50 years or older** in multigenerational households (home where individuals from 2 or more generations reside such as an elder and a grandchild)
- Educators and staff for pre-K through 12th grade
- Child care providers
- High-risk critical workers who work in certain congregate settings: Agriculture; fishing vessel crews; food processing; grocery stores; corrections; prisons, jails or detention centers; public transit; remaining first responders
- People **16 years or older** who are pregnant or have a disability that puts them at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

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- People **16 years or older** with 2 or more co-morbidities or underlying conditions
- All people **60 years and older**
- People, staff and volunteers in certain congregate living settings: correctional facilities; groups homes for people with disabilities; settings where people experiencing homelessness live or access services
- High-risk critical workers in certain congregate settings: restaurants, food services, construction and manufacturing

FOCUS ON EQUITY: This approach prioritizes population groups who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 due to external social factors and systemic inequities, including people of color; people with limited English proficiency; people in shared housing, crowded housing, and multigenerational homes; people in poverty and low-wage earners; people with disabilities that are connected to underlying health conditions that may put them at higher risk of COVID-19; and people with access barriers to healthcare. The [social vulnerability index](#) is one of several inputs informing equitable vaccine allocation.

NOTE: Immigration and health insurance status do not impact eligibility.

The timeline represented here is tentative and subject to change based on vaccine supply and demand.

**Vaccinate
WA** 

[CovidVaccineWA.org](https://www.CovidVaccineWA.org)

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CO-MORBIDITIES

Morbidity is a medical term that means illness or disease. Co-morbidities means more than one illness or disease occurring in one person at the same time. Phase 1 – Tier 3 includes people with 2 more comorbidities or underlying conditions that put them at increased risk for severe illness if infected with COVID. This list of these conditions can be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>.

CONGREGATE SETTING

An environment where individuals work and/or reside in an enclosed space and where they are interacting with a high volume of people over an extended period of time and not able to consistently maintain physical distance.

CRITICAL WORKERS

Individuals working in an industry that maintains critical infrastructure for social and economic systems in our state. (See reverse side for detailed list.)

HIGH-RISK WORKERS IN A HEALTH CARE SETTING

Workers who are at higher risk of COVID-19 infection because they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Administer COVID-19 testing or handle COVID-19 specimens
- Administer COVID-19 vaccine or have patient contact in a COVID-19 vaccination site.
- Work at a community-based, congregate living facility (for example, long-term care facility, adult family home or residential care community) where people over 65 years old receive care, supervision or assistance.
- A professional care provider to someone who is at higher risk of severe outcomes if infected with COVID-19 (for example, home health aide, dialysis provider, or cancer treatment provider).bv

HIGH-RISK WORKERS IN A HEALTH CARE SETTING (CON'T)

- Worker (for example, health care provider, security, environmental management) in a setting that provides direct care for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.
- First responder (for example, EMS, police or firefighter) in settings where direct care is provided to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.
- Worker at high risk of infection and transmission of COVID-19 because of exposure to the general public.

LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY

For the purposes of the vaccine allocation guidance, long-term care facilities are defined as community-based, congregate living settings where most individuals over 65 years of age are receiving care, supervision, or assistance and are unable to reside independently in the community.

MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD

Household where individuals from 2 or more generations reside such as an elder and a grandchild. Does **not** include a parent or guardian caring for a child or teen.

WORKERS IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS

This includes the full spectrum of workers at health agencies including all types of staff (e.g., contracted, part-time, unpaid/volunteer) and the spectrum of staff who provide services (e.g., ambulatory, direct patient care, support services). It is inclusive of Community Health Workers, home care aides, health care interpreters, doulas, caregivers, and personal care providers.

To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email civil.rights@doh.wa.gov.



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Kirsten Jewell, Coordinator
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Kitsap Recovery Center
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Port Orchard, WA 98366

Inpatient and Detox Services:
661 Taylor Street
Port Orchard, WA 98366
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Ken Winfield, Clinical Manager
Phone: 360.337.4625



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Bremerton, WA 98310
Elizabeth Court, Director, OWDA
Phone: 360.337.4767

Veterans Assistance
Andrew Sargent,
Coordinator Phone:
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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, April 26, 2021

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

[Please click to join the webinar:](#)

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AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Announcements:
3. Review February 22nd and March 29th , 2021 Meeting Notes (attachment 1 and 2)
4. Updates / Reports / Presentations
 - a. Ramps Proposal
 - b. Raab Park – Play for All – Denise Vestman
 - c. Save the Date: June 9th State ACAC
5. Delegation of Tasks / Moving Forward / Next Steps
 - a. Duet Bikes
6. New Business
7. Meeting Dates: TBA via Zoom
8. Closing Comments
8. Adjourn

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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, February 22, 2021

ATTENDING: Marsha Cutting, Charlotte Shepherdson, James Kinneson, Jeff Vinecourt, Damon Sallee and Staff: Hannah Shockley

Meeting: Called to order by Marsha Cutting 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Liv Counsel, potential new member has applied and will be attending later in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES January 25, 2021

Motion James Kinneson made a motion to approve the agenda and meeting notes as presented. Damon Sallee seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UPDATES:

- a. **DD Virtual Event:** Hannah reminded the committee of the DD fair coming up. The online fair will go live on Friday, April 1st and be available to everyone for the entire month. A flyer will be available in March. Charlotte will have a virtual vendor table at the event.
- b. **Google Accessible Attributes Letter:** A flyer was created and will be available on the web as well as a resource to be included in with the stickers as they go out to the community.
- c. **Ramps:** Damon said Jeremy is working on the quote and hoping to have it soon.
- d. **Wolf TV:** No updates
- e. **Duet Bikes:** Damon -North end of Clear Creek trail possible best option for parking. There is a club house visitor center on the South end, is this a possibility for storage and is there ADA parking available there. Hannah spoke to Alexandra in Parks and received information from her on who manages the trails; Great Peninsula Conservatory and the Clear Creek task force. The committee to research and see whose managing, can the bikes be checked out regularly.
 - **Should we write in cost for a shed with a changing lock codes**
 - **Could it be stored on the North end**
 - **Hannah will email Kitsap County Parks**

Discussion held on;

- **Duet basic – has the 8-speed hub, Plus, electro,**
- **Cycle shops that could house the bikes-can't transport easily and needs to be on site.**
- **Explanation of how to use, if housed without staff. Electronically before registering.**

f. **Liv Counsel** joined the meeting and introductions were made.

g. **Member Updates**

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT STEPS

1. **Damon will get a quote from Jeremy on handrails for portable ramps and see if there is Washington Community Guided resources for Ableist Language**
2. **Charlotte will get more information on WOLF TV opportunities and email Disability Etiquette slide show**
3. **Hannah will email the county Parks department**

OTHER DISSCUSSION

- Discussion on moving Charlotte to chair and nominating and voting in a new vice chair in February. TABLED for March
- Charlotte will be speaking to Rotary groups on Accessible playgrounds
- Sticker project: Kingston and Poulsbo

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting March 29nd via Zoom platform.

New meeting location once approved, will be held at Skookum, Sol Duc room, 4525 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, WA 98312

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, March 29, 2021

ATTENDING: Marsha Cutting, Charlotte Shepherdson, James Kinneson, Jeff Vinecourt, Damon Sallee, Alex Wisniewski and Staff: Hannah Shockley

Meeting: Called to order by Marsha Cutting 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Recap on the Port Gamble meeting. The County has 72 acres of Heritage parks with a current focus to engage the community in having a voice on what the parks become in the future. Port Gamble is a 6-mile route to utilize both paved areas and trails. It will be a couple years before it is fully developed. There is a project manager who will be developing sub-groups for accessible specific focus. Kitsap's ACAC has been asked to participate.

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES February 22, 2021 -Tabled

UPDATES:

- a. **Discussion with Alex Wisniewski** the committee brainstormed available locations to house the Duet bikes.
 - The location would need to have availability to store the bikes so transporting them is not a barrier
 - Remote access with electrical padlocks poses a problem without the use of WIFI
 - Realtor keys a possibility with a management entity who could oversee codes
 - Clear Creek was an option, but a storage shed with security management would be essential and there is no WIFI.
 - Last meeting carryover but not discussed. Damon -North end of Clear Creek trail possible best option for parking. There is a club house visitor center on the South end, is this a possibility for storage and is there ADA parking available there.
 - Parks would be the approval and management authority
- b. **Raab Park** discussion with Denise Vestman was tabled for another meeting
- c. **Save the Date** the state will host its first ever All-County ACAC virtual meeting on Wednesday, June 9th from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. a flyer was handed out with the Agenda documents. This event will allow all ACAC's to connect and share successes with grant funding and highlight key procedures. Kitsap County ACAC is planning to attend

- d. **Developmental Disabilities Transitional Resource Virtual Fair** goes live on April 1st and will last all month through the Wise website. A flyer was distributed
- e. **Vaccination information from Kitsap Public Health District** was shared and free rides from Kitsap Transit was highlighted. Individuals do not have to be signed up with Access to utilize these free rides to vaccination sites
- f. **Wolf TV:** Charlotte spoke to Gregory Pickard from South Kitsap High School. Gregory oversees the video production studio and is interested in partnering with Kitsap's ACAC to create a PSA announcement used to showcase on the web to help spread awareness on accessibility.
Gregory would like to have the ACAC act as a regular vendor, who would discuss their vision in an interview with the students. Students will be moving into the last quarter of the year and the ACAC can further discuss the opportunity to produce an in-depth video after April 19th. The committee discussed potential ideas for a PSA and agreed on, "Accessibility and Keeping Sidewalks Clear". Charlotte will follow up with Gregory before the next meeting in April.
- g. **Ramps Proposal** Hannah reached out to Chris Tibbs from the Arc of the Peninsulas and they are still in agreement to house and manage the checkout of the ramps once obtained.
 - Hannah will update the ramps proposal to include the invoice for custom handrails and have it submitted by the deadline

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Grace Wu, of Redmond, holds daughter Sabine, 4, in her lap as they take a ride down the slide at Raab Park in Poulsbo on Saturday. The group "Play for All" is working to raise money to build an accessible playground at Raab Park. MEEGAN M. REID/KITSAP SUN

PLAY FOR ALL

Group raising money to build accessible playground at Poulsbo's Raab Park

Owen Stidman Kitsap Sun | USA TODAY NETWORK

It's tough to push a wheelchair over wood chips. It's impossible to fit one on a seesaw. And you certainly can't fit one on a traditional swing. • Most playgrounds aren't accessible to children with disabilities — and not only to those in wheelchairs. Disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy to autism can limit kids' ability to enjoy playgrounds. Debra Vaughan wants to change that.

Vaughan, a member of Poulsbo's Rotary Club, is spearheading an effort to make the playground at Raab Park, 18349 Caldart Ave NE, more accessible to children with disabilities. She's working with the Rotary Club, the city and other members of the community to raise money for the equipment. They call their group "Play for All."

Other accessible playgrounds inspired Vaughan to take on this project.

"When I was living in California, there was an accessible playground not too far from where I lived. That's how I knew they existed," Vaughan said. "Right now, there's nothing like this close by — you have to

drive all the way to Bremerton or Bainbridge."

The county's first accessible playground was built in 2014 at Bremerton's Evergreen-Rotary Park. Owen's Playground at Rotary Park, off Weaver and High School roads on Bainbridge, opened in 2016. Both were built through grants and private donations.

Vaughan's passion for serving the disabled community began when she worked as a speech therapist. She has since retired, but her desire to serve the community is as strong as ever.

"I used to work with children with severe

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First Lady visits Navy, touts military families initiative

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disabilities, and I know how hard it can be for those kids to go to places like playgrounds," Vaughan said. "It's an underserved community, kind of an invisible community. Not enough people advocate for them."

Vaughan wasn't the only Poulsbo resident interested in making the city more accessible. She says that before the project took off, she and another community member pitched the same idea separately. Since then, Play for All has grown into the multi-organizational initiative it is today. She says it took six months to get the city involved.

"The process was pretty involved — I'd never done anything like this before!" she said. "First, we approached a community services committee on the City Council. Then, there's a parks advisory committee that's not part of the City Council, so I had to talk to them. Eventually, after all this, I presented to the City Council, and they got on board."

The city is excited to work with Vaughan and other community members on the project, said Dan Schoonmaker, the city's parks and recreation director since January.

Schoonmaker replaced Mary McCluskey, Poulsbo's longtime parks director who retired at the beginning of 2021. He said the Play for All project was supported by his predecessor.

"When she retired last month, my whole goal was to see her projects through," he said. "I'm just finishing what she started — she and Debra and those guys deserve all the credit."

Play for All hopes to break ground on the playground expansion in summer 2022. The group is working to raise \$800,000 to cover the project.

The group has put in requests for state and federal government grants, and Play for All is hard at work seeking donations.

"We're selling metal plaques to embed in the sidewalk. People can put their names or whatever they want on them," Vaughan said. "Before COVID, we were going to throw house parties and tailgates for fundraising, but obviously, that didn't happen."

Play for All will kick off its independent fundraising at a virtual event on March 21. To find out more, visit playforallpoulsbo.org.

Vaughan says the new playground will feature a wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round and wheelchair-friendly surfacing.

"We're also planning on having a quiet, somewhat enclosed play area for people with autism, so they can chill out in there," Vaughan said. "We'll have different sensory panels in there, too."

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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, May 24, 2021

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

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- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Review April 26, 2021 Meeting Notes** (attachment 1)
- 3. Updates / Reports / Presentations**
 - a. Save the Date: June 9th State ACAC (attachment 2)
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 - b. Duet Bikes Pictures and Feedback - Charlotte
 - c. Duet Bike Locks - Hannah (attachment 4)
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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, April 26, 2021

ATTENDING: Marsha Cutting, Charlotte Shepherdson, James Kinneson, Jeff Vinecourt, Kat Woofter, Denise Vestman and Staff: Hannah Shockley

Meeting: Called to order by Marsha Cutting 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES February 22nd and March 29, 2021

Motion Charlotte Shepherdson made a motion to approve the agenda and meeting notes as presented. James Kinneson seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UPDATES:

- a. **Ramps Proposal** The proposal was updated with the invoice from Jeremy including cost for custom fabricated ADA handrails. The updated proposal was submitted last week. The state ACAC committee has accepted the proposal and it will be reviewed at the May meeting.
- b. **Raab Park** discussion with Denise Vestman.
 - The group has been working since the fall of 2018 to raise the funds needed for the Accessible playground for all ages
 - Funding has been obtained from the Lyon's club Rotary, City and Central Market. They have applied for two land grants and will know in May or June if they will receive the funding
 - In addition, they have sold plaques totaling between 35K and 70K
 - The group has been able to secure designs pro bono
 - How the ACAC can potentially be of service
 - Having a second set of accessible eyes on the design and gain any feedback on areas of oversight for inclusivity
- c. **Save the Date** reminder of the upcoming June 9th meeting was reiterated. Meeting information was forwarded from Elaine and Hannah will include it again in May's agenda packet.
- d. **Duet Bikes** Charlotte will go out to Clear Creek and take pictures for the committee to review next month. The committee will need to decide on the best solution to house the bikes based on information obtained from a site visit. Hannah will reach out to Alex, Parks Director to see if any further discussion was held between him and his staff on lock suggestions.

- e. **Wolf TV** Charlotte will follow up with Gregory Pickard from South Kitsap High School. Gregory oversees the video production studio and is interested in partnering with Kitsap's ACAC to create a PSA announcement used to showcase on the web to help spread awareness on accessibility. Gregory would like to have the ACAC act as a regular vendor, who would discuss their vision in an interview with the students. Students will be moving into the last quarter of the year and the ACAC can further discuss the opportunity to produce an in-depth video after April 19th. The committee discussed potential ideas for a PSA and agreed on, "Accessibility and Keeping Sidewalks Clear".
- f. Hippocampe chairs update Hannah will check back with Nick Prevo to see if there are any new updates regarding expectation of a timeline for community members being able to check out the chairs. The state is still under, state of emergency status currently until June and Bainbridge Island Parks and Recreation stated they would follow up when the check out program was up and running and it had been added to their website.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting May 24th via Zoom platform.

New meeting location once approved, will be held at Skookum, Sol Duc room, 4525 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, WA 98312

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



**All-County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC)
Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Wednesday, June 9th 1:30-3:00 pm

Draft Agenda:

- Share successes with Accessible Communities (AC) grant funding
- Highlight key procedural aspects of AC Procedure Manual
- Talk about what the AC Subcommittee looks for in a successful grant proposal and share updated project proposal forms
- Learn how an ACAC can be formed
- Discuss how to keep an ACAC going and be self-sustaining

Attached is a brochure that explains more about ACACs. We hope you will be able to attend! Thanks.

From: Nick Prevo <NickP@biparks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:33 PM
To: Hannah Shockley <hshockle@co.kitsap.wa.us>
Subject: Re: Hippocampe Chairs

Hi Hannah,

We are going to be reopening our community gear rental program on June 1st, and the chairs will be included in that reopening. Bainbridge has very good vaccination numbers and we want to open the rental program as soon as we feel it's safe.

I have the chairs created on our online recreation software so they will be reservable online starting 6/1. To make those available online, I will just need to toggle a checkbox. Below is what I typed up to put on our biparks.org website to promote the chairs. We are planning on having the webpage go live within the next couple of weeks to promote the chairs prior to the rental program opening, and I can send you a link to that page once it goes live.

"Hippocampe All-Terrain Wheelchairs

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We have one medium and one large chair available. The medium chair can fit someone between 4'7"-5'7" who weighs under 285 pounds. The large chair can fit someone 5'7"-6'1" who weighs under 285 pounds.

For more information or to reserve a chair, please reach out to Outdoor Program Manager Nick Prevo at (206) 842-2306 x115 or nickp@biparks.org."

In short, the chairs are ready to go. We have just been in a holding pattern waiting on COVID situation to improve a bit.

Thank you,

Nick Prevo

Clear Creek Next Steps:

1. Proposed location identified and described to Parks director
 - a. Charlotte will visit and share suggestions and photos 5-24-2021
 - b. Considerations should include proximity to ADA parking and restrooms
2. Committee to conduct research on type of storage unit large enough to house the Duet bikes
3. Discuss lock options with Parks after submission on these items



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Monday, June 28, 2021

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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Monday, August 30, 2021

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, May 24, 2021

ATTENDING: Marsha Cutting, Charlotte Shepherdson, James Kinneson, Jeff Vinecourt, Kat Woofter, Liv Council and Staff: Hannah Shockley

Meeting: Called to order by Marsha Cutting 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES April 26, 2021

Motion James Kinneson made a motion to approve the agenda and meeting notes as presented. Jeff Vinecourt seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UPDATES:

- a. **Save the Date** June 21th State ACAC
 - Marsha stated the date would change
 - Marsha included that there is approximately \$100,000 for all ACAC. There are 12 in the state. The review committee will be looking at how ACAC's are partnering with other community entities and how they plan to sustain programs and obtain additional funding
- b. **Hippocampe Chairs** email update from Nick Prevo
 - Gear Rental Program will reopen on June 1st
 - The chairs are available for reservation on the biparks.org website
 - Updates are still pending COVID progress
 - Two chairs; one medium and one large
- c. **Juneteenth** reminder of June 19-the day in 1865 when the people of Texas were finally informed (two and a half years after the fact) that all enslaved people in the Confederate States were no longer property of their masters.
 - Marsha emailed NAACP asking to be involved in the event and she will attend their meeting May 24th
- d. **Wolf TV** No new updates. Charlotte will follow up with Gregory Pickard from South Kitsap High School. Gregory oversees the video production studio and is interested in partnering with Kitsap's ACAC to create a PSA announcement used to showcase on the web to help spread awareness on accessibility. Gregory would like to have the ACAC act as a regular vendor, who would discuss their vision in an interview with the students. Students will be moving into the last quarter of the year and the ACAC can further discuss the opportunity to

produce an in-depth video after April 19th. The committee discussed potential ideas for a PSA and agreed on, "Accessibility and Keeping Sidewalks Clear".

- e. **Duet Bikes** Charlotte and Marsha brought photos to share with the committee on possible locations at Clear Creek, where the Duet Bikes storage shed could be housed. The committee discussed.
 - Proximity to ADA parking and bathrooms were considered
 - Next steps to present the Parks Director with the proposed location
 - Committee to research shed options
 - Hannah will follow up with Alex, Parks Director to ask where they get their sheds
 - Parks will determine the locks that will be used
- f. **Clear Creek Event** Marsha brought the idea of an event held at Clear Creek to make wheelchair users more aware of Clear Creek Trail. The event would have the group ride the trail together.
 - Jeff Vinecourt with Kitsap Transit to provide transportation
 - Liv Council will talk to her rollerblading group to help support the event
 - Marsha will reach out to Alex, Parks Director to see if they'd be interested in partnering together with the event
- g. **Port Gamble Questionnaire**
 - Jeff discussed the master plan and the location on the website
 - Kitsap Transit will be evaluating a future bus stop at the park
 - Hannah shared the questionnaire and explained the importance of having the voice of those historically underrepresented
- h. **Additions**
 - Ride Rainer July 28th, Marsha will work on getting a flyer to pass out next meeting
 - By-Laws to be reviewed by Hannah

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting June 28th via Zoom platform.

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Kitsap Sun

Ride the Clear Creek Trail event gives wheelchair users a guided outing



Marsha Cutting, left, of Bainbridge Island, leads a group on a ride on the Clear Creek Trail on Saturday, July 24. *Nathan Pilling / Kitsap Sun*

SILVERDALE – After a round of introductions, the group of wheelchair users, cyclists and walkers scattered to one of Kitsap’s trail gems. Organized by Kitsap County’s Accessible Communities Advisory Committee, volunteers at the Clear Creek Trail on a sunny, picturesque Saturday helped to guide wheelchair users in an outing on the trail.

“Even though I’ve lived in the county for almost a decade now, I’d never explored the trail, and so I went to look and I was just blown away by what an amazing trail it is,” said Bainbridge Island’s Marsha Cutting, one of the organizers for the outing. “I thought, wow, I would really like to get more people out here.”

“There’s a lot of research that demonstrates that being out in nature has significant benefits for both physical and mental health,” said Cutting, who uses a wheelchair. “I think it’s important to open up opportunities to people to do that.”

And so groups split off throughout the trail Saturday.

“I just was interested, because I would love to be outdoors and take advantage of something like this, which I didn’t even know about,” said one Hansville woman at the event who uses a wheelchair and was trying out wheelchair hiking for the first time.

Charlotte Shepherdson, of Port Orchard, joined Saturday’s event with her daughter Hannah, who uses a wheelchair: “It’s just really important for people to be able to get out like everyone else,” she said. “It’s something that we like to do as a family, going outside and enjoying the outdoors.”

For Ian Mackay, of Port Angeles, Saturday was another in a long run of days spent out on trails using his powered wheelchair, which he directs using sips and puffs on a straw. He hasn’t missed a day on the trails in quite a while: “It’ll be five years on Halloween this year,” he said

He’s completed long journeys in his wheelchair, including rides across the state, but what he’s really proud of, he said, is [Sea to Sound, a three-day, multimodal, supported group ride](#) fundraiser that spans the length of the Olympic Discovery Trail. Mackay is the founder and executive director of Ian’s Ride, which seeks to promote accessibility in the outdoors.

Mackay was paralyzed from the neck down after a bicycle crash in 2008: “The first few years after I was injured were miserable, it was a really dark time of trying to figure things out,” he said. “I really just tried to embrace the television and computer games, but that wasn’t me. And so eventually I did get out on trails and found my solace there. I found my happy place, and I realized that I was trying to reinvent myself rather than embracing the things I always loved.”

For more information about Ian’s Ride, visit iansride.com. For more information about the work of the Kitsap County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee, visit kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/ACAC-LANDING.aspx.

Nathan Pilling is a reporter covering Bainbridge Island, North Kitsap and Washington State Ferries for the Kitsap Sun. He can be reached at 360-792-5242, nathan.pilling@kitsapsun.com or on Twitter at [@KSNatePilling](https://twitter.com/KSNatePilling).

Live Links:

Kitsap County Accessibilities web site [Kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/ACAC-Landing.aspx](http://kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/ACAC-Landing.aspx)

Ian’s Ride : <http://www.iansride.com>

Welcome to the All-County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC) Meeting

Governor's Committee on Disability
Issues and Employment (GCDE)



Housekeeping for Today's Meeting

- Please post your questions in chat and they will be monitored and read aloud by Emily
- During the group discussion, we will be using the “raise hand” function monitored by Elaine
- When speaking, please have your cameras on if possible and state your name for people using interpreters

GCDE Staff & Members in Attendance

Megan Mason-Todd, Chair, Accessible Communities (AC) Subcommittee

Patricia Bauccio, Chair, GCDE

Damiana Harper, Co Vice Chair, GCDE

Warren Weissman, Co Vice Chair, GCDE

Elizabeth Gordon, Executive Director, GCDE

Elaine Stefanowicz, Program Coordinator, GCDE

Accessible Communities Subcommittee Members

- Lucy Barefoot
- Yvonne Bussler-White
- James Carlone
- Zahid Chaudhry
- Candace Dickson
- Clarence Eskridge
- Larry Gorton
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County Roll Call

Please let us know if you are representing the following county during the roll call:

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Benton County

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Clallam County

Clark County

Columbia County

Cowlitz County

Douglas County

Ferry County

Franklin County

Garfield County

Grant County

Grays Harbor County

Island County

Jefferson County

County Roll Call

Please let us know if you are representing the following county during the roll call:

King County

Kitsap County

Kittitas County

Klickitat County

Lewis County

Lincoln County

Mason County

Okanogan County

Pacific County

Pend Oreille County

Pierce County

San Juan County

Skagit County

Skamania County

Snohomish County

County Roll Call

Please let us know if you are representing the following county during the roll call:

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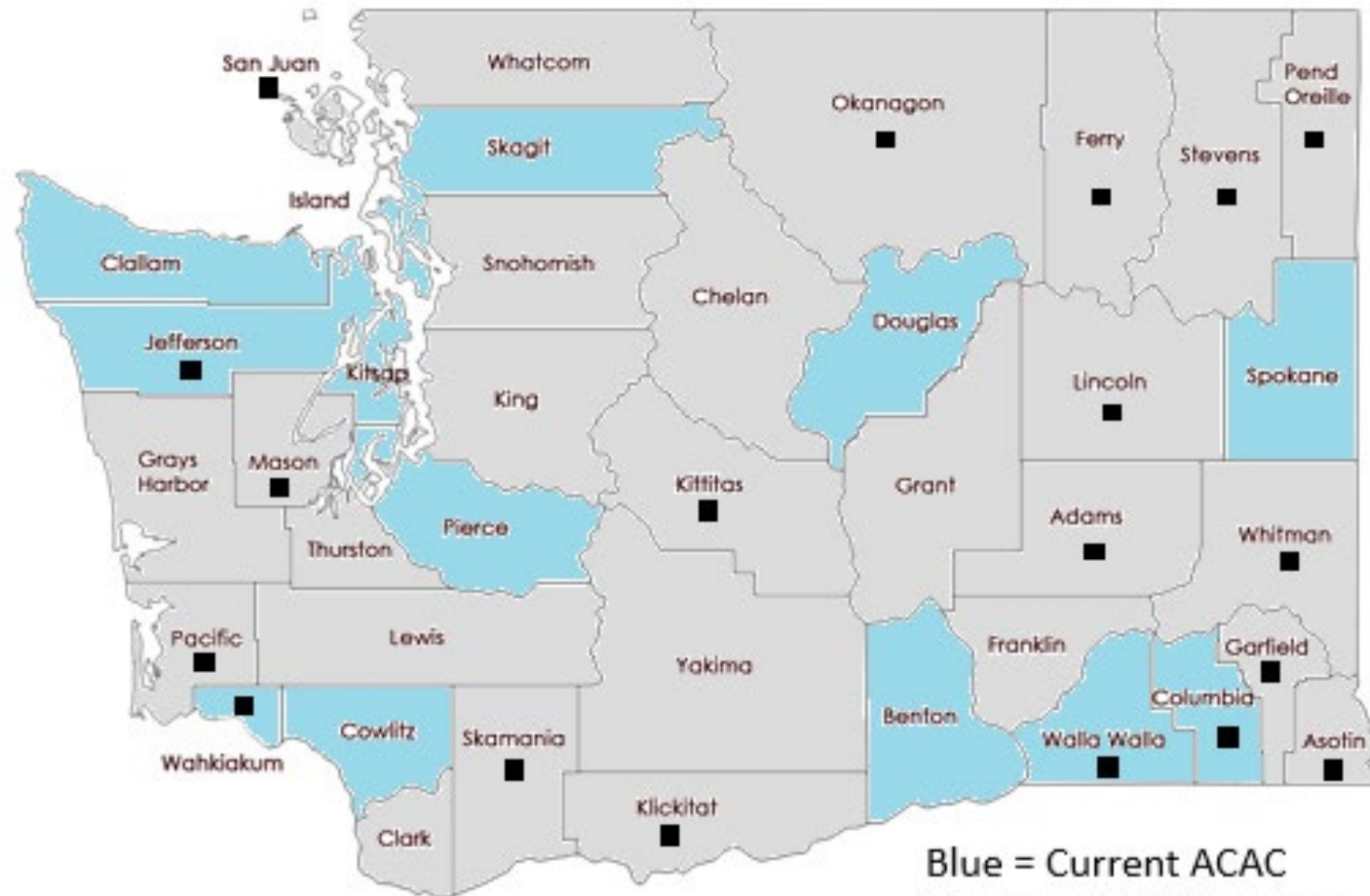
Congratulations!



Walla Walla and Columbia Counties for being the first combined ACAC in Washington State!

Counties with populations of 70,000 or less can combine into one ACAC.

Washington State Counties with Populations of 70,000 or Less



Blue = Current ACAC
Square = 70,000 or less

Today's Agenda

- Overview of GCDE and Accessible Communities Act: (Patricia Bauccio & Elizabeth Gordon)
- Presenters:
 - Jesse Sims, Recreation and Conservation Office
 - Hayley Johnson, Cowlitz County
 - Julie Anderson, Pierce County
- Grant proposal criteria and process (Warren Weissman)
- Countywide discussion (Damiana Harper)
 - How to create an ACAC
 - How to find members
 - Bylaws, committee structure
 - Other grant options
 - Innovative ideas that ACACs are working on



What is the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)?

The 27-member committee of volunteers promotes equality, opportunity, independence and full participation in life for people with disabilities. Our members represent a wide range of constituent groups, geographical perspectives, ethnic origins and cultural heritage.

What is the Washington State Accessible Communities Act?

The Accessible Communities Act, passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Gregoire in 2010, helps communities become more accessible for persons with disabilities. “Accessible” refers to the design or improvement of facilities, environments, products and services, and to access to information and to means of communication.

The Act promotes the creation of Accessible Community Advisory Committees (ACACs) in each of Washington’s counties, and created the Accessible Communities Account, managed by the Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE).

What is a County Accessible Community Advisory Committee (ACAC)?

ACACs are advisory committees appointed by the county legislative authority (such as a county commissioner or auditor) or by agents or officers acting under that authority.

Presentation #1

Jesse Sims

Outdoor Grants Manager
Recreation and Conservation Office



Presentation #2

Hayley Johnson

Elections Manager

Cowlitz County Auditor's Office



Presentation #3

Julie Anderson

Pierce County Auditor



Accessible Communities Subcommittee

Grant Review & Approval Process

Presenter: Warren Weissman

Grant applications accepted year round

- AC Subcommittee members and staff will communicate questions and requests for additional information within 14 days of receipt of application
- AC Subcommittee meets in October and April to formally consider applications for possible approval
- AC Subcommittee approves grants based on
 - 1) expected impact of proposed projects on the disability community, and
 - 2) availability of grant funds as determined by inflows of funds into the Accessible Communities Account

Accessible Communities Subcommittee Grant Review & Approval Process

- In prior years, grant applications were received and approved/denied on a year-round basis
- The AC Subcommittee has adopted, as of 2021, procedures whereby grant applications are accepted year-round but formally considered only at AC Subcommittee meetings in October and April.

Accessible Communities Subcommittee

Modification of Grant Review & Approval Process

- The new procedure enhances the comparability of grant applications, enabling the AC Subcommittee to make better-informed decisions
- The new procedure also enables the AC Subcommittee to make decisions that better consider multiple factors:
 - 1) the size and number grant applications received
 - 2) the amount of grant funds available for the entire fiscal year
 - 3) considerations related to the equitable distribution of grant funds across counties

Accessible Communities Subcommittee

Modification of Grant Review & Approval Process

- The new procedure enhances the comparability of grants we expect successful grant applications to be those that:
 - Benefit the largest number of people with disabilities
 - Have the deepest/most meaningful impact on people with disabilities
 - Have long-lasting rather than transitory impacts on people with disabilities
- The AC Subcommittee is updating grant application forms to better reflect these considerations in the project details and narratives

Countywide Discussion

- How to create an ACAC
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Thank you for attending!

- Please let us know how we can help your county be more accessible.



Please Note the Fall 2021 AC Grant Timeline:

- First consideration of grant proposals:
August 2-6
- September 15 and September 22: ACAC Project
Proposal Presentations (Optional)
- October 13: Final date to submit grant proposals

Hi ACAC friends, below are important dates for the next round of Accessible Communities (AC) project proposals.

Please note: this is a revised timeline with later dates than originally mentioned.

October 20 County ACAC Proposal Presentations 1
November 3 County ACAC Proposal Presentations 2
November 5 **Final Proposal(s) Due Date** (no presentations after November 3rd)
November 17 Regular AC Subcommittee Meeting (vote on proposals)

Currently, we are updating the proposal paperwork and will email it to you when it is ready. In the meantime, it is fine to submit proposals on the previous proposal forms.

Attached is the promised PowerPoint from our All-County ACAC meeting. Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions. Stay cool!

Elaine

Elaine Stefanowicz

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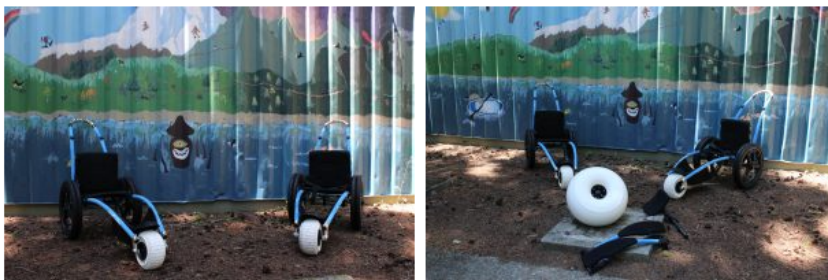
Hippocampe All-Terrain Wheelchairs

Google: BIParks, from the home page go to the **Recreation** tab up top, this will show a drop down menu, Click **Outdoors**, then click **Gearbank**

[Gearbank | Bainbridge Island Metro Park & Recreation District \(biparks.org\)](http://biparks.org)

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**Aging & Long Term
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Assistance**
Givens Community Center
1026 Sidney Avenue, Suite 105
614 Division Street, MS-5
Port Orchard, WA 98366
Phone: 360.337.7068 (LTC)
Phone: 360.337.5700 (Sr. I&A)
1.800.562.6418 (Sr. I&A)
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**Community Development
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Norm Dicks Government Center
345 6th Street, Suite 400
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Housing and Homelessness
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1026 Sidney Road
Port Orchard, WA 98366

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661 Taylor Street
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Fax: 360.377.7027
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1300 Sylvan Way
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Lacey Estus, Coordinator
Phone: 360.337.4811

Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, September 27, 2021

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

[Please click to join the webinar:](#)

Call in Option:

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Webinar ID: 876 9099 1652

Password: 042509

AGENDA

- 1. Introductions**
 - a. New member: Ranae Beeker
- 2. Review Meeting Notes May 24, 2021 (attachment 1)**
- 3. Updates / Reports / Presentations**
 - a. Don Thompson Grant – Marsha (attachment 2)
 - b. Ride Clear Creek -Marsha (attachment 3)
 - c. Review: July 21st State ACAC (attachment 4)
 - Grant deadlines (fall) (attachment 5)
 - d. Puget Sound Regional Council
 - Presentation Jean Kim and Kim Pearson
- 4. Delegation of Tasks / Moving Forward / Next Steps**
 - a. Ramps - Hannah
 - b. Hippocampe updates -Hannah (attachment 6)
 - c. Facilities list for Library, email from Beth (attachment 7)
 - d. Shed options- committee research
 - e. Wolf TV - Charlotte
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Public Meeting Port Gamble – focus on draft plans that have been developed for the space (attachment 8)
 - b. WheelMap resource from Tressa Johnson (attachment 9)
- 6. Announcements/ Closing Comments**
- 7. Meeting Dates: TBA via Zoom**
- 8. Adjourn**

Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, May 24, 2021

ATTENDING: Marsha Cutting, Charlotte Shepherdson, James Kinneson, Jeff Vinecourt, Kat Woofter, Liv Council and Staff: Hannah Shockley

Meeting: Called to order by Marsha Cutting 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES April 26, 2021

Motion James Kinneson made a motion to approve the agenda and meeting notes as presented. Jeff Vinecourt seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UPDATES:

- a. **Save the Date** June 21th State ACAC
 - Marsha stated the date would change
 - Marsha included that there is approximately \$100,000 for all ACAC. There are 12 in the state. The review committee will be looking at how ACAC's are partnering with other community entities and how they plan to sustain programs and obtain additional funding
- b. **Hippocampe Chairs** email update from Nick Prevo
 - Gear Rental Program will reopen on June 1st
 - The chairs are available for reservation on the biparks.org website
 - Updates are still pending COVID progress
 - Two chairs; one medium and one large
- c. **Juneteenth** reminder of June 19-the day in 1865 when the people of Texas were finally informed (two and a half years after the fact) that all enslaved people in the Confederate States were no longer property of their masters.
 - Marsha emailed NAACP asking to be involved in the event and she will attend their meeting May 24th
- d. **Wolf TV** No new updates. Charlotte will follow up with Gregory Pickard from South Kitsap High School. Gregory oversees the video production studio and is interested in partnering with Kitsap's ACAC to create a PSA announcement used to showcase on the web to help spread awareness on accessibility. Gregory would like to have the ACAC act as a regular vendor, who would discuss their vision in an interview with the students. Students will be moving into the last quarter of the year and the ACAC can further discuss the opportunity to

produce an in-depth video after April 19th. The committee discussed potential ideas for a PSA and agreed on, "Accessibility and Keeping Sidewalks Clear".

- e. **Duet Bikes** Charlotte and Marsha brought photos to share with the committee on possible locations at Clear Creek, where the Duet Bikes storage shed could be housed. The committee discussed.
 - Proximity to ADA parking and bathrooms were considered
 - Next steps to present the Parks Director with the proposed location
 - Committee to research shed options
 - Hannah will follow up with Alex, Parks Director to ask where they get their sheds
 - Parks will determine the locks that will be used
- f. **Clear Creek Event** Marsha brought the idea of an event held at Clear Creek to make wheelchair users more aware of Clear Creek Trail. The event would have the group ride the trail together.
 - Jeff Vinecourt with Kitsap Transit to provide transportation
 - Liv Council will talk to her rollerblading group to help support the event
 - Marsha will reach out to Alex, Parks Director to see if they'd be interested in partnering together with the event
- g. **Port Gamble Questionnaire**
 - Jeff discussed the master plan and the location on the website
 - Kitsap Transit will be evaluating a future bus stop at the park
 - Hannah shared the questionnaire and explained the importance of having the voice of those historically underrepresented
- h. **Additions**
 - Ride Rainer July 28th, Marsha will work on getting a flyer to pass out next meeting
 - By-Laws to be reviewed by Hannah

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting June 28th via Zoom platform.

New meeting location once approved, will be held at Skookum, Sol Duc room, 4525 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, WA 98312

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This application is for organizations (non-profit or for-profit) to request one-time funding or policy changes to benefit people who are eligible for services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). Projects must also help improve the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) system. If an organization has more than one request, please use a separate application for each one.

The Dan Thompson Memorial Developmental Disabilities Community Services Account was created in 2005 after the death of Dan Thompson. He was an advocate, a Microsoft employee, and a person with a developmental disability. In 2020, the legislature passed [Senate Bill 6190](#). The bill made some changes to how the account operates.

As of August 2021, there is about \$55 million in the account. The legislature said they plan to put another \$1 million in the account each year. \$5 million of the current balance is from deposits between 2005 and 2021. The other \$50 million came from federal funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. The ARPA part of the account balance must be spent by the end of June 2023 and has some other requirements about how it is spent.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is required to get recommendations from the Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) on how to spend the funding. The DDC created the Dan Thompson Advisory Committee to identify priorities and create an application process. DSHS will make the final decisions about which projects to fund. Organizations will be required to report on how the funding is being spent.

Funding Requirements:

- Funding proposals must supplement (not replace, supplant, or reduce) community-based supports and services.
- Funding proposals must be one-time investments.
- Funding proposals must benefit people who are eligible to receive services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). This includes people who are currently receiving DDA services, as well as people who are on the No Paid Services (NPS) Caseload and not currently receiving DDA services.
- Funding proposals must improve or enhance the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) system.
- Funds can be used for capital projects (e.g. building homes, buildings, etc.)

Other Factors:

Priority consideration will be given to projects that do one or more of these:

- Invest in:
- Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities
- Rural communities
- Other historically marginalized or under-served communities
- Use culturally responsive strategies. “Culturally responsive” means being respectful of other people’s cultures and learning from them.
- Have strong sustainability plans for after the one-time funding is spent
- Involve collaboration with other community partners

OPTIONAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

These are optional meetings to ask questions about the application. They will be recorded and posted on this page. If you have any questions or support needs, please contact Jeremy Norden-Paul: jeremy.norden-paul@ddc.wa.gov or 360-586-3558

- **Thursday, September 16th, 2:00-3:30pm**
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- [Recording](#)
- **Wednesday, September 22nd, 9:00-10:30am**
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- [Recording](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

This is where we post questions and answers about the Dan Thompson funding. [Click here.](#)

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MATERIALS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Materials from June 1st meeting:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Slides](#)
- [Video recording](#)
- [Comments from chat box](#)

Materials from July 19th meeting:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Slides](#)
- [Video recording](#)
- [Comments from chat box](#)

Materials from August 25th meeting:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Slides](#)
- [Video recording](#)
- [Comments from chat box](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

Interlocal Agreement between the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and the Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) -This document talks about the roles,

responsibilities, and timelines for DDC and the DDA as recommendations and funding decisions are being made.

Application for Funding

Dan Thompson Memorial Developmental Disabilities

Community Services Account

Please send completed applications to Jeremy Norden-Paul at the Developmental Disabilities Council. You can also contact Jeremy if you have questions or need any kind of support:

jeremy.norden-paul@ddc.wa.gov or 360-586-3558.

The application deadline is Friday, October 8th

资金申请程序

丹·汤普森纪念基金发育障碍社区服务帐户

请将完成的申请发送给发育障碍理事会的 Jeremy Norden-Paul。如果您有任何疑问或需要任何形式的支持，也可以用电邮和电话联系 Jeremy:

jeremy.norden-paul@ddc.wa.gov 或电话： 360-586-3558.

申请截止日期为 10 月 8 日星期五

Заявление на получение финансирования

Счет имени Дэна Томпсона (Dan Thompson) для финансирования услуг поддержки в среде сообщества для лиц с нарушениями развития

Отправьте заполненные заявления Джереми Норден-Полу (Jeremy Norden-Paul) из Совета по вопросам нарушений развития (Developmental Disabilities Council).

Вы также можете связаться с Джереми, если у вас возникнут вопросы или если вам понадобится какая-либо поддержка:

jeremy.norden-paul@ddc.wa.gov или 360-586-3558.

Крайний срок подачи этого заявления истекает в пятницу, 8-го октября

<https://ddc.wa.gov/danthompson>



Codsiga Maalgelinta

Koontada Adeegyada Bulshada Leh Naafada Korriinka ee Dan Thompson Memorial

Fadlan u soo dir codsiyada dhammeystiran Jeremy Norden-Paul ee Golaha Naafada Korriinka. Waxaad kaloo la xiriiri kartaa Jeremy haddii aad su'aalo qabto ama aad u baahan tahay taageero nooc kasta ah:

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Solicitud de financiación

Cuenta de Servicios Comunitarios para Discapacidades del Desarrollo en Memoria de Dan Thompson

Envíe las solicitudes completas a Jeremy Norden-Paul en el Departamento de Desarrollo del Consejo de Discapacidades. También puede ponerse en contacto con Jeremy si tiene preguntas o necesita cualquier tipo de soporte:

jeremy.norden-paul@ddc.wa.gov o al 360-586-3558.

La fecha límite de solicitud es el Viernes 8 de Octubre, 2021.

Đơn Xin Tài Trợ

Quỹ Tưởng Niệm Dan Thompson

Tài Khoản Dịch Vụ Cộng Đồng Dành Cho Người Khuyết Tật

Khi đơn đã hoàn thành, xin vui lòng gửi cho Jeremy Norden-Paul tại Hội Đồng Phát Triển Dành Cho Người Khuyết Tật. Quý vị cũng có thể liên lạc với Jeremy và nếu quý vị có thắc mắc hoặc cần bất kỳ hình thức hỗ trợ nào:

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Hạn chót ngày nộp hồ sơ là thứ sáu, ngày 08 tháng 10.

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Kitsap Sun

Ride the Clear Creek Trail event gives wheelchair users a guided outing



Marsha Cutting, left, of Bainbridge Island, leads a group on a ride on the Clear Creek Trail on Saturday, July 24. *Nathan Pilling / Kitsap Sun*

SILVERDALE – After a round of introductions, the group of wheelchair users, cyclists and walkers scattered to one of Kitsap’s trail gems. Organized by Kitsap County’s Accessible Communities Advisory Committee, volunteers at the Clear Creek Trail on a sunny, picturesque Saturday helped to guide wheelchair users in an outing on the trail.

“Even though I’ve lived in the county for almost a decade now, I’d never explored the trail, and so I went to look and I was just blown away by what an amazing trail it is,” said Bainbridge Island’s Marsha Cutting, one of the organizers for the outing. “I thought, wow, I would really like to get more people out here.”

“There’s a lot of research that demonstrates that being out in nature has significant benefits for both physical and mental health,” said Cutting, who uses a wheelchair. “I think it’s important to open up opportunities to people to do that.”

And so groups split off throughout the trail Saturday.

“I just was interested, because I would love to be outdoors and take advantage of something like this, which I didn’t even know about,” said one Hansville woman at the event who uses a wheelchair and was trying out wheelchair hiking for the first time.

Charlotte Shepherdson, of Port Orchard, joined Saturday’s event with her daughter Hannah, who uses a wheelchair: “It’s just really important for people to be able to get out like everyone else,” she said. “It’s something that we like to do as a family, going outside and enjoying the outdoors.”

For Ian Mackay, of Port Angeles, Saturday was another in a long run of days spent out on trails using his powered wheelchair, which he directs using sips and puffs on a straw. He hasn’t missed a day on the trails in quite a while: “It’ll be five years on Halloween this year,” he said

He’s completed long journeys in his wheelchair, including rides across the state, but what he’s really proud of, he said, is [Sea to Sound, a three-day, multimodal, supported group ride](#) fundraiser that spans the length of the Olympic Discovery Trail. Mackay is the founder and executive director of Ian’s Ride, which seeks to promote accessibility in the outdoors.

Mackay was paralyzed from the neck down after a bicycle crash in 2008: “The first few years after I was injured were miserable, it was a really dark time of trying to figure things out,” he said. “I really just tried to embrace the television and computer games, but that wasn’t me. And so eventually I did get out on trails and found my solace there. I found my happy place, and I realized that I was trying to reinvent myself rather than embracing the things I always loved.”

For more information about Ian’s Ride, visit iansride.com. For more information about the work of the Kitsap County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee, visit kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/ACAC-LANDING.aspx.

Nathan Pilling is a reporter covering Bainbridge Island, North Kitsap and Washington State Ferries for the Kitsap Sun. He can be reached at 360-792-5242, nathan.pilling@kitsapsun.com or on Twitter at [@KSNatePilling](https://twitter.com/KSNatePilling).

Live Links:

Kitsap County Accessibilities web site [Kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/ACAC-Landing.aspx](http://kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/ACAC-Landing.aspx)

Ian’s Ride : <http://www.iansride.com>

Welcome to the All-County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC) Meeting

Governor's Committee on Disability
Issues and Employment (GCDE)



Housekeeping for Today's Meeting

- Please post your questions in chat and they will be monitored and read aloud by Emily
- During the group discussion, we will be using the “raise hand” function monitored by Elaine
- When speaking, please have your cameras on if possible and state your name for people using interpreters

GCDE Staff & Members in Attendance

Megan Mason-Todd, Chair, Accessible Communities (AC) Subcommittee

Patricia Bauccio, Chair, GCDE

Damiana Harper, Co Vice Chair, GCDE

Warren Weissman, Co Vice Chair, GCDE

Elizabeth Gordon, Executive Director, GCDE

Elaine Stefanowicz, Program Coordinator, GCDE

Accessible Communities Subcommittee Members

- Lucy Barefoot
- Yvonne Bussler-White
- James Carlone
- Zahid Chaudhry
- Candace Dickson
- Clarence Eskridge
- Larry Gorton
- Christa Hewitt

County Roll Call

Please let us know if you are representing the following county during the roll call:

Asotin County

Benton County

Chelan County

Clallam County

Clark County

Columbia County

Cowlitz County

Douglas County

Ferry County

Franklin County

Garfield County

Grant County

Grays Harbor County

Island County

Jefferson County

County Roll Call

Please let us know if you are representing the following county during the roll call:

King County

Kitsap County

Kittitas County

Klickitat County

Lewis County

Lincoln County

Mason County

Okanogan County

Pacific County

Pend Oreille County

Pierce County

San Juan County

Skagit County

Skamania County

Snohomish County

County Roll Call

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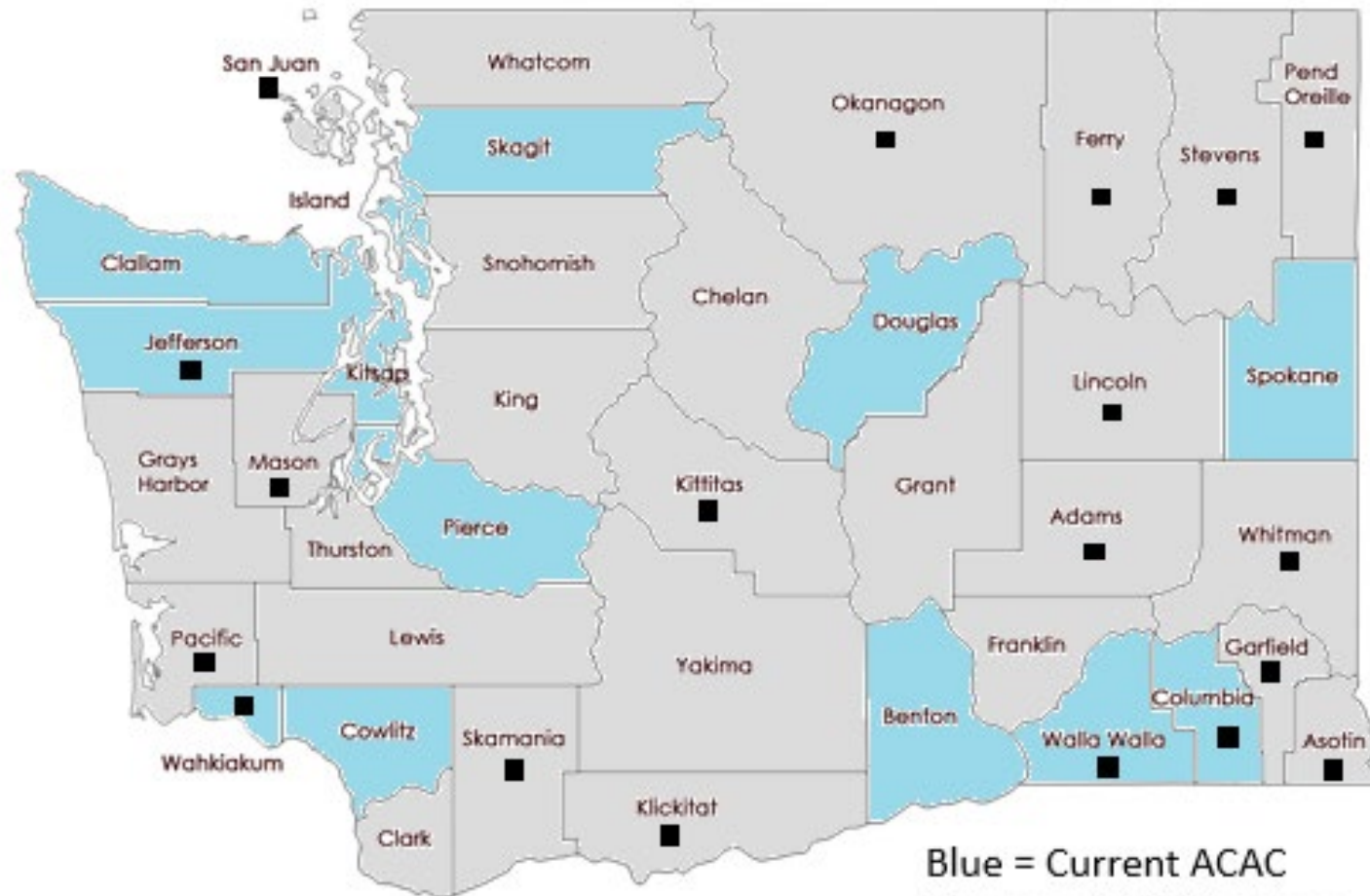
Congratulations!



Walla Walla and Columbia Counties for being the first combined ACAC in Washington State!

Counties with populations of 70,000 or less can combine into one ACAC.

Washington State Counties with Populations of 70,000 or Less



Blue = Current ACAC
Square = 70,000 or less

Today's Agenda

- Overview of GCDE and Accessible Communities Act: (Patricia Bauccio & Elizabeth Gordon)
- Presenters:
 - Jesse Sims, Recreation and Conservation Office
 - Hayley Johnson, Cowlitz County
 - Julie Anderson, Pierce County
- Grant proposal criteria and process (Warren Weissman)
- Countywide discussion (Damiana Harper)
 - How to create an ACAC
 - How to find members
 - Bylaws, committee structure
 - Other grant options
 - Innovative ideas that ACACs are working on



What is the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)?

The 27-member committee of volunteers promotes equality, opportunity, independence and full participation in life for people with disabilities. Our members represent a wide range of constituent groups, geographical perspectives, ethnic origins and cultural heritage.

What is the Washington State Accessible Communities Act?

The Accessible Communities Act, passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Gregoire in 2010, helps communities become more accessible for persons with disabilities. “Accessible” refers to the design or improvement of facilities, environments, products and services, and to access to information and to means of communication.

The Act promotes the creation of Accessible Community Advisory Committees (ACACs) in each of Washington’s counties, and created the Accessible Communities Account, managed by the Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE).

What is a County Accessible Community Advisory Committee (ACAC)?

ACACs are advisory committees appointed by the county legislative authority (such as a county commissioner or auditor) or by agents or officers acting under that authority.

Presentation #1

Jesse Sims

Outdoor Grants Manager
Recreation and Conservation Office



Presentation #2

Hayley Johnson

Elections Manager

Cowlitz County Auditor's Office



Presentation #3

Julie Anderson

Pierce County Auditor



Accessible Communities Subcommittee

Grant Review & Approval Process

Presenter: Warren Weissman

Grant applications accepted year round

- AC Subcommittee members and staff will communicate questions and requests for additional information within 14 days of receipt of application
- AC Subcommittee meets in October and April to formally consider applications for possible approval
- AC Subcommittee approves grants based on
 - 1) expected impact of proposed projects on the disability community, and
 - 2) availability of grant funds as determined by inflows of funds into the Accessible Communities Account

Accessible Communities Subcommittee Grant Review & Approval Process

- In prior years, grant applications were received and approved/denied on a year-round basis
- The AC Subcommittee has adopted, as of 2021, procedures whereby grant applications are accepted year-round but formally considered only at AC Subcommittee meetings in October and April.

Accessible Communities Subcommittee

Modification of Grant Review & Approval Process

- The new procedure enhances the comparability of grant applications, enabling the AC Subcommittee to make better-informed decisions
- The new procedure also enables the AC Subcommittee to make decisions that better consider multiple factors:
 - 1) the size and number grant applications received
 - 2) the amount of grant funds available for the entire fiscal year
 - 3) considerations related to the equitable distribution of grant funds across counties

Accessible Communities Subcommittee

Modification of Grant Review & Approval Process

- The new procedure enhances the comparability of grants we expect successful grant applications to be those that:
 - Benefit the largest number of people with disabilities
 - Have the deepest/most meaningful impact on people with disabilities
 - Have long-lasting rather than transitory impacts on people with disabilities
- The AC Subcommittee is updating grant application forms to better reflect these considerations in the project details and narratives

Countywide Discussion

- How to create an ACAC
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Thank you for attending!

- Please let us know how we can help your county be more accessible.



Please Note the Fall 2021 AC Grant Timeline:

- First consideration of grant proposals:
August 2-6
- September 15 and September 22: ACAC Project
Proposal Presentations (Optional)
- October 13: Final date to submit grant proposals

Hi ACAC friends, below are important dates for the next round of Accessible Communities (AC) project proposals.

Please note: this is a revised timeline with later dates than originally mentioned.

October 20 County ACAC Proposal Presentations 1
November 3 County ACAC Proposal Presentations 2
November 5 **Final Proposal(s) Due Date** (no presentations after November 3rd)
November 17 Regular AC Subcommittee Meeting (vote on proposals)

Currently, we are updating the proposal paperwork and will email it to you when it is ready. In the meantime, it is fine to submit proposals on the previous proposal forms.

Attached is the promised PowerPoint from our All-County ACAC meeting. Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions. Stay cool!

Elaine

Elaine Stefanowicz

(pronounced *Stef-aw-no-witz*)

Program Coordinator

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)

360-890-3774 office

360-706-3671 work cell

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

[GCDE is on Facebook!](#)

Hippocampe All-Terrain Wheelchairs

Google: BIParks, from the home page go to the **Recreation** tab up top, this will show a drop down menu, Click **Outdoors**, then click **Gearbank**

[Gearbank | Bainbridge Island Metro Park & Recreation District \(biparks.org\)](http://biparks.org)

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PORT GAMBLE FOREST HERITAGE PARK

MASTER PLANNING

PUBLIC MEETING #3:

DRAFT PARK ALTERNATIVES

WEDNESDAY, 9/29 | 6:00-8:00 PM

You are invited to join the Kitsap County Parks Department for the third virtual community meeting to discuss the Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park Master Plan Project. This meeting will focus on alternative park and trail plans that have been developed. The plans include recreational and educational facilities that were identified during the master planning process and ongoing community engagement. The event will include a presentation followed by breakout groups in which attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions.

Please visit

<https://oacsvcs.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lcOyuqTwoGdHMSVhLkQFhLhGwgP75ZfXd>

to register for this event.



Greetings ACAC,

For some of you this may not be new information. I've just learned of a free, online map of wheelchair accessible places around the world. It sounds like a great tool – and it's crowd-sourced, so in theory it should be actively updating as people interact with it.

WHEELMAP

SOCIAL STUDIES

wheelmap.org/search

Wheelmap is a free online map of wheelchair accessible places around the world. On the map, the accessibility of locations is designed through a traffic light system: green for full accessibility, orange for partial accessibility, and red for inaccessibility. Visitors can use the Search bar to find and check the accessibility of nearby locations or filter the search for specific kinds of places (e.g., Transport, Education, Toilets) and degree of accessibility. Wheelmap can be used in web browsers or installed as an app on both Apple and Android phones. Wheelmap is a "participatory mapping and crowd-sourcing project," which means users worldwide can contribute by marking public places for wheelchair accessibility. On the map, locations that need to be marked are designated in gray. Visitors can click "Get involved" in the menu to find out how to participate in mapping, report elevator breakdowns, and help with outreach about this and other accessibility issues and projects. Wheelmap is a project of Sozialhelden, an organization dedicated to tackling social issues like accessibility for individuals with disabilities. It is funded through grants, prizes, and donations, and supported by the efforts of volunteers. To keep up to date, follow @wheelmap on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. [MJZ]

Tressa

Tressa W. Johnson, MLIS | Adult Services Librarian
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[Wheelmap – Find wheelchair accessible places.](https://wheelmap.org)

wheelmap.org

Mark and find wheelchair accessible places —
worldwide and for free. It's easy with our traffic light
system:

-  Fully wheelchair accessible
-  Partially wheelchair accessible
-  Not wheelchair accessible
-  Unknown accessibility

[Okay, let's go! >](#)



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 - a. Ramps -Hannah
 - b. WA TAPP Presentation Update -Marsha
 - c. Locations for Bicycles - Marsha
4. **Delegation of Tasks / Moving Forward / Next Steps**
 - a. Legal Ad – HippoCampe
 - b. Looping System -BI Library (attachment 4)
 - c. By-Laws and Voting for Chair/Vice Chair
 - d. Dan Thompson Grant Updates – Marsha
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Monday, August 30, 2021

ATTENDING: Marsha Cutting, Ranae Beeker, Kelly Nesbitt, and Staff: Hannah Shockley

Meeting: Called to order by Marsha Cutting 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Ranae Beeker introduced herself as an interested potential member of the committee. Instructions on how to apply were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES May 24, 2021 was tabled.

UPDATES:

- a. **Juneteenth** Marsha gave a recap of the event.
- b. **Ride Clear Creek Event** The article from the Kitsap Sun was shared.
 - Marsha shared highlights of the successful event geared to bring awareness to wheelchair users of the trail
- c. **Save the Date** June 9th State ACAC
 - PowerPoint was shared from the statewide meeting
 - Highlights were reviewed. Including, changes in review process and encouragement for committees to apply for additional grants

TASKS-MOVING FORWARD:

- a. **Shed Options** Marsha discussed concerns that came up from a conversation she had with another participant at the Clear Creek event. The concern was regarding who would be available for training individuals on using the Duet Bikes. Marsha reached out to the West Sound Bike Club hoping to find an interested party to partner with for training supports. Since this type of support wouldn't be available in the locations the committee had chosen for storage, Chair felt there needed to be further discussion.
 - Some other ideas to explore for support; Veterans or Patient Rehab centers
 - Harborview PT
 - Outdoors for All
- b. **Wolf TV** No new updates
- c. **Hippocampe Chairs** Discussion to prepare a Press Release for the Kitsap Sun now that the Chairs are available
 - a. Program details were included in the packet
 - b. Reservation on the biparks.org website

- c. Two chairs; one medium and one large
- d. **Facilities List of Repairs** Held to discuss with the full committee
- e. **Ramps**
 - a. Contract came from Employment Security Department ESD, finished review and went before the Board of County Commissioners for signature on August 23rd
 - b. Next steps, after the grant is funded to Kitsap County then the ramps will be purchased, and Jeremy's company will begin the custom build for the ADA handrails
- f. **Closing Comments**
 - a. Marsha discussed the Seda Sound Ride an RDT rail trail ride she did from Lake Crescent, through Sequim and to Port Townsend, a three day ride
 - b. Kelly Nesbitt, community member announced the Dan Thompson Scholarship fund/Grant
 - She gave an overview of the grant creation and guidelines for eligibility
 - Kelly was advocating by sharing the information with community groups
 - c. By-Laws to be reviewed by Hannah

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting September 27th via Zoom platform.

New meeting location once approved, will be held at Skookum, Sol Duc room, 4525 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, WA 98312

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, September 27, 2021

ATTENDING: Marsha Cutting, Ranae Beeker, Charlotte Shepherdson, Jeff Vinecourt, Denise Vestman, Roland Peckham and Staff: Hannah Shockley

Meeting: Called to order by Marsha Cutting 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introduced Ranae Beeker to the committee, she applied and is the newest member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES May 24, 2021

Motion Jeff Vinecourt made a motion to approve the agenda and meeting notes as presented Ranae Beeker seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UPDATES:

a. Dan Thompson grants explained

- One time request for funding, for policy changes and or projects that benefit the Developmental Disabilities population
- \$55 million available
- Funding must be spent by June 2023
- Attachment included with frequently asked questions and deadline for applications is October 8th

b. Clear Creek Event The article from the Kitsap Sun was shared.

- Marsha shared highlights of the successful event geared to bring awareness to wheelchair users of the trail

c. Save the Date June 9th State ACAC

- PowerPoint was shared from the statewide meeting
- Highlights were reviewed. Including, changes in review process and encouragement for committees to apply for additional grants

d. Presentation

Regional Transportation Plan Outreach – Kim Pearson and Jean Kim

- a). The mobility transportation plans for Kitsap, Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties will be up for adoption in May of 2022. Outreach efforts focus on gathering community data, creating a preliminary plan and obtaining feedback on goals and projected outcomes.
 1. The transportation plans look at long range needs and is updated every 4 years
 2. Encompasses all age ranges, disabilities, aging and low income
 3. Identifies key mobility challenges; lack of transportation, long travel

times including cross county travel, difficulty getting to medical appointments, accessible infrastructure, lack of information for services available and cost for services

4. Engagement link provided for individuals interested in sharing more ideas or personal stories; engage.psrc.org or email transportation@psrc.org
5. Gil Cerise gcerise@psrc.org or 206-971-3053 and Kim Pearson kpearson@psrc.org or 206-464-5833
6. Draft document will be available for review and public comment in January of 2022

TASKS-MOVING FORWARD:

a. Ramps

- Working with subcontractor to finalize details before the County purchases the ramps
- Next steps, after the grant is funded to Kitsap County then the ramps will be purchased, and Jeremy's company will begin the custom build for the ADA handrails

b. Hippocampe Chairs Discussion to prepare a Press Release for the Kitsap Sun now that the Chairs are available

- Program details were included in the packet
- Reservation on the biparks.org website
- Two chairs; one medium and one large

c. Facilities List of Repairs Held to discuss with the full committee

d. Shed Options: explanation of the project being placed on hold

e. Wolf TV No new updates

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Public Meeting Port Gamble

- a. Next meeting Wednesday, September 29 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- b. The meeting will focus on draft alternative park and trail plans that have been developed

b. Wheelchair Map attachment discussed and pulled up for the committee to explore, compliments of Tressa Johnson, Kitsap Regional Library

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Recreation grants : Jesse.sims@RCO.wa.gov
<http://www.jumpplayground.org>

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Monday, October 25, 2021

ATTENDING: Marsha Cutting, Ranae Beeker, Charlotte Shepherdson, Jeff Vinecourt, Denise Vestman, James Kinneson, Kathryn Woofter and Staff: Hannah Shockley

Meeting: Called to order by Marsha Cutting 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Conducted

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES from August through October tabled for next meeting.

UPDATES:

a. Dan Thompson grant was submitted

- Chair submitted the application October 8th
- Grants will be awarded December – January
- RAAB Park Project also applied for \$125,000 – Denise Vestman
- Updates and more information on website:

<https://ddc.wa.gov/danthompson>

b. Ramps

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- Next steps, after the grant is funded to Kitsap County then the ramps will be purchased, and Jeremy's company will begin the custom build for the ADA handrails

TASKS-MOVING FORWARD:

a. Ideas for new projects

- Looping system – Bainbridge Island Library
- Batteries and Programmers for KC- Help and programs that support the need for gently used equipment in the community for low income
- Compiling a Disabilities list to address groups not addressed yet

b. Working with Outdoors for all

- Finding a location for bicycles
- Contacting Kitsap County Parks – Ranae

c. Facilities List of Repairs Held to discuss with the full committee

d. Wolf TV No new updates

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Contact WA Tapp

- a. Advisory interested in having a WA Tapp presentation -Marsha

CLOSING COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting November 29th via Zoom platform. December meeting cancelled.

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Email request from Beth Eisenhood

Original Message-----

From: Beth Eisenhood

Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 3:33 PM

To: Hannah Shockley <hshockle@co.kitsap.wa.us>

Subject: The BI Library's prioritized list of repairs...

On the library's website today, I see that in 2020 they made a prioritized list of repairs needed. I wonder if the issue of getting the installed, but non-functioning, looping system could make it onto that list with the committee's advocacy! Just a thought. I am not able to rejoin and carry this task at this point, but I wonder if connecting it to the list (which I had never heard of until now) might be one strategy.

Sincerely,
Beth