

City of Sedro-Woolley–ADA Advisory Group Meeting #1 Notes

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 - 4pm hosted on Zoom

Advisory Group Members

City Staff Participants

Mark Freiberger (MF), chair - present

David Lee (DL) - present

Doug Merriman (DM) - present

Consultant Representative

Jennifer Salemann (JS) - present

Community Participants

Matt Desvoigne (MD) - present

Eric Johnson (EJ) - present

Judy Jones (JJ) - present

Michelle Salgado - (MS) - present

Christina Sanchez - (CS) - unavailable

Introductions (MF)

- Introductions (all)
 - Mark Freiberger: ADA Transition Plan Project Manager/Director of Public Works
 - Jennifer Salemann: Consultant from Transportation Solutions
 - Matt Desvoigne: SW resident since 2011, cyclist, has noticed improvements in curb ramps in last few years.
 - Eric Johnson: SW resident for 30 years, above the knee amputee.
 - Michelle Salgado: SW resident since 2011, works for Washington Vocational Services helping persons with disabilities find employment in Sedro-Woolley
 - Judy Jones: SW resident of 3 years, former contract facilitator for training Pierce Transit regarding ADA, former state of Idaho employee, blind.
 - Doug Merriman: City Supervisor
 - David Lee: City Engineer, focuses on facilities in public right of way
- (MF) ADA Transition Plan Project - introduction
- (MF) ADA Advisory Group - introduction

ADA Advisory Group Kick-Off Meeting Slide Presentation (JS) - see slide deck for details

- ADA Transition Plan Project Overview - see slide deck for details
- ADA Advisory Group (AAG) Goals - see slide deck for details
- Meeting 1 - Objectives
 - Refine Public Outreach Goals and Strategy
 - Test Accessibility of Virtual Workshop Content and Platform
 - Engage More Community Members
- Group Members did not have comments on strategy so far; other topics were discussed below.

Other Discussion Items

Participation in ADA Transition Project

- (MD) Do I need special approval to invite people to the virtual workshop?
 - (MF/JS): No permission needed to come to virtual workshop. The more inclusive the better.
 - (MF): ADA Transition Plan Project webpage (which includes links to the online surveys and virtual public workshop) are publicly accessible
 - (MF): ADA Advisory Group webpage (including meeting agendas, materials and minutes) are publicly accessible
 - (MF): This ADA Advisory Group is open to public participants to listen and a “Public Comment” period will be reserved for their input on each meeting agenda.

Employment of Persons with Disabilities

- (JJ) Does the ADA Transition Plan process involve assessing employment of persons with disabilities? Is the City open to hiring qualified people with disabilities?
 - (DM): Yes, the City is open to hiring persons with disabilities.
 - (JS): The Internal City Questionnaire did have a section on employment practices and policies.
 - (MF): The City’s Solid Waste Department has had an office assistant with disabilities who works in the department but COVID has curtailed this
- (MS) Does the City employ anyone who is blind, specifically?
 - (DM): Unaware of anyone at this time in Sedro-Woolley, but has worked with a City attorney at another jurisdiction who was/is legally blind.
 - (JJ): Keep in mind there is a spectrum of blindness to consider when determining if someone is legally blind.

Observed Physical Barriers

- (MS) Ferry St has sidewalk upheaval caused by tree roots that creates barriers from Township to downtown; relocation of Library across town will also be impacted
- (MF) Limited funds magnifies the importance of seeking grant funding when available. Ferry St would be a good candidate for grant funding to accomplish accessibility barrier removal.
- (DL) Talcott St/Jameson St also have this upheaval issue.
 - (EJ): Impressed with improvements on Jameson St.; good construction
 - (DL): Completed by Fischer Group Construction

Public Comments

There were no attendees from the public, and no comments received at this meeting.

To Do Lists

City Staff/Consultant Responsibilities

- (JS) to send Internal City Questionnaire and Findings to AAG members.
- (JS) to follow up with (JJ) on alternative text accessibility for images in Workshop presentation.
- (JS) to update **ADA Barrier Public Workshop Slide Presentation** as needed based on AAG feedback.
- (JS) to resolve any accessibility issues in advance of schedule November 5th virtual workshop.

Community Member Responsibilities (All)

- Please review the **ADA Barrier Public Workshop Slide Presentation** and provide any feedback to (JS) on how to improve this presentation by Friday, October 30th. Pdf and PowerPoint options are available on the ADA Advisory Group Webpage for the 10/13/20 Meeting under the **Materials** section: https://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/agenda_details_T4_R448.php.
 - From the City's homepage, you can also click on the "**Governing**" tab and select "**ADA Advisory Group**" from the drop down menu. Under Meetings, the "**More**" link will take you to the materials.
- Please promote the ADA Transition Plan online surveys and virtual public workshop via your own professional/personal networks, especially to other members of the ADA community. The City's ADA Transition Plan Project webpage is the best source of information gathered in one place. Please share this link with interested persons:
 - **Project weblink:** https://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/resources/ada_transition_plan.php (From the City' homepage, click on the "**Resources**" tab and select "**ADA Transition Plan**" from the drop down menu).
 - To navigate most quickly to the survey and virtual workshop links on the Project webpage, click on "**How You Can Get Involved?**"
- If you have not already done so, please complete either the map-enabled or screen-reader friendly online survey.
- Feel free to contact (MF) or (JS) with any other concerns.