

NOTICE AND AGENDA

COMMISSION ON INCLUSION AND ADAPTIVE LIVING
WEDNESDAY
APRIL 24, 2024

VIRTUAL TEAMS MEETING
211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE
12:00 P.M.

To participate in the meeting virtually use the following link:

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The public can join the meeting to provide public comment. Please notify Stacy Fobar at stacy.fobar@flagstaffaz.gov if you need any assistance joining the meeting.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

NOTE: One or more Commission Members may be in attendance telephonically or by other technological means.

CHAIR RUSS RANDALL
VICE-CHAIR RACHAEL SIMUKONDA
KEITH BECKER

SARAH DORMAN
MICHELE EISENBERG
SUSAN PURRINGTON

3. **Recommended Protocol for Members and Other Participants**

All commissioners should have their microphones on mute to keep the background noise out of the chat room. The chair of the meeting should ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak if they would like. Commissioners should use the chat function to inform the Chair they would like to make a statement and the Chair will announce the Commissioners to speak in the order they appear in the chat.

4. **Public Participation**

The Commission cannot act upon items presented during the Public Participation portion of the Agenda. Individual Commission members may ask questions of the public but are prohibited by the Open Meeting Law from discussion or considering the item among themselves until the item is officially placed on the Agenda. Each public comment or presentation will be limited to five (5) minutes.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Review and Approve minutes from [March 20, 2024, Work Session Meeting](#) and [March 27, 2024, Regular Meeting](#).

6. **REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Presentation and discussion related to the reconstruction of Grandview Drive as part of the Spruce Wash Flood Mitigation project

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Letter to Council asking for support of the WAV (wheelchair-accessible vehicle) program in conjunction with the Mobility Planning Council.
Review and recommendation of letters.

- B. **Recommendation for Proclamation on Global Accessibility Awareness Month to Mayor Daggett's office**

Review request for proclamation and discuss sending the request to the Mayor's office.

- C. **Discussion and recommendations on increasing enforcement of sidewalk ordinances and potential letter to Council**

Review and discuss letter.

8. **Liaison Reports**

- A. **Update from Council Liaison - Mayor Daggett**
- B. **Transportation Liaison - LaReina Reyes - Mountain Line**
- C. **Update from Youth Liaison Joseph Spence, NACoPTT**
- D. **Update from Sidewalk Liaison Jamie Martinez**
- E. **Update from Parking Liaison Rachael Simukonda**

9. **Staff Participation**

- A. **Potential Social Media Education materials**

10. **Information Items To/From Inclusion and Adaptive Living Commission Members**

11. **Date of Next Meeting - May 22, 2024 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

12. **AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on _____, at _____ a.m./p.m. This notice has been posted on the City's website and can be downloaded at www.flagstaff.az.gov.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Stacy Fobar, Deputy City Clerk



Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living

7. A.

From: Stacy Fobar, Deputy City Clerk

DATE: 04/24/2024

SUBJECT: Letter to Council asking for support of the WAV (wheelchair-accessible vehicle) program in conjunction with the Mobility Planning Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and recommendation of letters.

Executive Summary:

Attachments

WAV Information Letter

WAV Support Letter to Council

April 24, 2024

To Interested Parties:

The City of Flagstaff Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living (CIAL) has been established with the duty to advise the Flagstaff City Council on issues affecting individuals with disabilities in our community. With our duty in mind, we are submitting this letter to provide a voice of support for those members of our community whom we represent.

It has come to our attention that there is a severe lack of wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV) in Flagstaff, especially among taxi providers, Ubers, and Lyfts. Based on a 2023 survey conducted with social service agencies in Flagstaff, 73% of those responding reported unreliable on-demand WAV access in Flagstaff and 42% reported individuals in need of wheelchair accessible transportation often or all the time.

Due to this severe need that is currently not being met, the City of Flagstaff Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living is eager to see more Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles come to Flagstaff so as to provide on demand transportation for all. The Commission is supporting and assisting the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Subcommittee (of the Coordinated Mobility Council) in assisting a local taxi company to find donations and resources to purchase a WAV. The taxi company identified understands the need in Flagstaff and has great interest in providing wheelchair accessible service. However, there are financial barriers to purchasing a WAV.

This company is new to Flagstaff and is a small, family owned business. The WAV subcommittee is seeking to explore funding options such as donations for interested taxi or transit network companies willing to invest in the future of equity of mobility services for all in Flagstaff. We hope this issue strikes your enthusiastic support and resource sharing. The WAV Subcommittee and the City of Flagstaff CIAL look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you,
Members of the Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living

To the City of Flagstaff Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The City of Flagstaff Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living (CIAL) has been established with the duty to advise the Flagstaff City Council on issues affecting individuals with disabilities in our community. With our duty in mind, we are submitting this letter to provide a voice of support for those members of our community whom we represent.

It has come to the attention of the CIAL that there is a severe lack of wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV) in Flagstaff, especially among taxi providers, Ubers, and Lyfts. Based on a 2023 survey conducted with social service agencies in Flagstaff, 73% of those responding reported unreliable on-demand WAV access in Flagstaff and 42% reported individuals in need of wheelchair accessible transportation often or all the time.

Due to this severe need that is currently not being met, the CIAL is eager to see more Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles come to Flagstaff so as to provide on demand transportation for all. Subsequently, the CIAL is supporting and assisting the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Subcommittee (of the Coordinated Mobility Council) in assisting a local taxi company to find donations and resources to purchase a WAV.

At this time the CIAL is advising the City Council of this unmet need of many members of our community and is asking for the City Council's support of this endeavor. Equity of mobility services for all in Flagstaff is paramount to our city's attempt to provide a safe and accessible environment for all its citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
Members of the Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living



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7. B.

From: Stacy Fobar, Deputy City Clerk

DATE: 04/24/2024

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Proclamation on Global Accessibility Awareness Month to Mayor Daggett's office

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review request for proclamation and discuss sending the request to the Mayor's office.

Executive Summary:

Attachments

Letter to Mayor

To the City of Flagstaff Mayor Daggett,

The Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living (CIAL) has been established with the duty to advise the City Council on issues affecting individuals with disabilities in our community. With our duty in mind, we are submitting this letter to you to provide a voice of support for those members of our community whom we represent.

At this time, we are respectfully asking that the City of Flagstaff recognize May of 2024 as "Flagstaff Accessibility Awareness Month."

Whereas May is recognized globally as Accessibility Awareness Month; and whereas we recognize the importance of ensuring that both physical spaces and digital content are equally available to all our community's residents; and whereas advocacy for accessibility and the impact it has on the lives of people with disabilities brings about positive change; and whereas accessibility in both physical spaces and digital content can only occur through commitment and collaboration among individuals, organizations, and communities; and whereas only through working in partnership with developers, designers, disability advocates, policymakers, and other stakeholders does accessibility occur; and whereas physical sites and services as well as digital content and products can only achieve accessibility through incorporation of inclusive practices that consider the diverse needs and abilities of all community members; we respectfully ask that in collaboration with cities across the United States, the City of Flagstaff recognize May of 2024 as "Flagstaff Accessibility Awareness Month."

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Members of the Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living



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7. C.

From: Stacy Fobar, Deputy City Clerk

DATE: 04/24/2024

SUBJECT: Discussion and recommendations on increasing enforcement of sidewalk ordinances
and potential letter to Council

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and discuss letter.

Executive Summary:

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Letter to Council

To the City of Flagstaff Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living (CIAL) has been established with the duty to advise the City Council on issues affecting individuals with disabilities in our community. With our duty in mind, we are submitting this letter to you to provide a voice of support for those members of our community whom we represent.

Since early in the spring of 2023, the CIAL has been discussing how sidewalks in our community are obstructed and encroached upon, often denying accessibility to members of our community with mobility challenges. At times, these obstructions and encroachments completely prevent individuals with mobility challenges from accessing businesses, schools, government buildings, and even homes. We on the CIAL consider this to be very serious problem for and within the City of Flagstaff. Sidewalks provide space for use by pedestrians that is safe, comfortable, and accessible to ALL. Infringement on this space, including obstructions and encroachment on sidewalks, is damaging and dangerous to our community.

With this in mind, last October, members of the CIAL presented to the City Council a PowerPoint presentation that identified multiple concerns related to our sidewalks. Those concerns included bulk trash and trash cans impeding sidewalk flow, sidewalks in need of repair, vehicles being parked on sidewalks, and lack of snow removal.

We are able to report that since October we have seen some improvement in some of these areas. Following discussion with the city's Solid Waste division, city trash truck drivers have become much better at dropping trash cans at the curb rather than on the sidewalk following pickup. We have also seen the CIAL's liaisons on Sidewalk and Parking Compliance work with the city's Code Compliance staff to encourage compliance with city ordinances. And, we are thrilled to see the city's Sustainability staff initiate the Snow Heroes program which will help with sidewalk clearance of snow for those residents with physically challenging needs.

However, our overall observation of our city's problem with sidewalk obstruction and encroachment shows that unfortunately, we have not seen as much improvement as we have hoped for. This past winter we observed many of our city's sidewalks go uncleared repeatedly and we know of an elderly gentleman of our community who slipped on an uncleared sidewalk, was severely injured, and subsequently passed away from those injuries. We also continue to see many, many residents place trash cans and bulk trash on the sidewalk and all over the city, residents continue to park cars on the sidewalk. Often, these violations of city ordinance repeatedly occur at the same residences and while these habitual violators have been reported to city staff multiple times, no change in behavior is noted.

In the interest of improving the sidewalk situation, one member of the CIAL, as a private citizen, posted concerns about sidewalk obstruction and encroachment on social media with an appeal to our community for neighborly assistance. Multiple comments were replied, almost all complaining of a lack of enforcement of city ordinances by city staff. It is extremely

discouraging to learn that many members of our community feel that the city does not take enforcement of the clear sidewalks ordinances seriously.

When CIAL members presented to the City Council in October, one Council member called for “education, education, and then enforcement.” At this time, the CIAL feels that education has been occurring but due to lack of clear sidewalk improvement, increased enforcement of our city ordinances is now called for. Residents who continue to block sidewalks with trash cans, bulk trash, parked cars, and uncleared snow and ice need to be cited. It seems that without increased enforcement and citation, these violations will just continue to occur in the mass numbers that are happening now. And for the disability community of Flagstaff, this is simply not acceptable as accessibility and safety are being threatened.

So again, at this time the CIAL is strongly encouraging the City Council to meet with city staff to encourage increased enforcement (through citation) of city ordinances related to ensuring clear, accessible sidewalks for all our community’s citizens. We feel this is a necessary step in providing a safe environment for all.

We appreciate your time in listening to our concerns and thank you in advance for your time and attention in addressing them. We look forward to your response.

Members of the Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living