

**Walla Walla/Columbia County
Accessible Communities Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
9/21/22
3:30 pm**

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Welcome - Request any accommodations needed in the meeting to be shared with Connie

Minutes Approval from August Meeting

Sub-Committee Reports - Due to the length of the meeting, please send any reports in writing to committee members prior to the meeting.

By-Laws Committee: Connie - final vote on proposed [update to by-laws](#)

Membership Committee: Connie - Joe Decker, Tobi Powell, Roxanne Brown, and Joleen Ferguson have been put forward to the County Commissioners for approval. Barb Casey, Vicki Ostrander, and Nancy Najera are pending applicants at this time. If all successful this would bring our membership to 18, but we still need two more applicants from Columbia County. We also need to discuss attendance issues for a few existing members.

Community Outreach Committee: Kati - no report

Grant Proposal Committee: Connie, Jeanne, and Joe - Deadline is 9/30/22 for the next round and we were asked to reapply for our bicycle grant. Jeanne, Joe, and Connie need to meet, and will pursue a possible partnership with the bicycle barn. Are there other potential grants the committee is interested in applying for?

Communications/Media Committee: Connie (open position) - Anikó got a call for an interview about the work with wineries, and she and Connie are planning to share [this information](#). Additionally, we need to discuss sharing Anikó's letter with local government groups at their meetings, and plan for when this will happen. We should schedule a subcommittee meeting on this issue. Additionally, we recently worked with Roxanne on an issue with a local business, and we were able to provide [some tips](#) for advocacy in the community that could be used with other businesses as needed. We will put this into a quick reference document that can be used in the future.

Transportation Update: Timothy Barrett

Goals

- 1) **Employment** - Improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities
- 2) **Housing** - Increase affordable housing for individuals in the disability community, providing more choices in where they can live

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- 3) **Accessibility** - Increase accessibility in Walla Walla Valley, making it more desirable for residents and tourism
- 4) **Care Options** - Increase care options for parents/guardians of children and adults with disabilities to provide respite alternatives, care options, and enrichment opportunities.

Goal Progress

- 1) **Employment Report Update**- (needs chair)
- 2) **Housing Report Update** - Tim, Connie - the UB recently shared a [mini series](#) on affordable housing in our area, with great information from the [Community Council](#) in this [report](#).
- 3) **Accessibility Report Update** - Larry, Anikó, and Betsy - we are in discussions on a potential accommodation budget for the group, and the currently discussed options may mean needing to choose between an interpreter or the interpreting app, rather than having both. The purchase of the app has been approved, and interpreters are booked through December, but may not be possible after that.
- 4) **Care options Report Update** - (needs chair)

Walla Walla County Department of Health Report - Amy Osterman

Walla Walla/Columbia County Developmental Disabilities Program - Janet Vaupel

Announcements and Further Discussion Items

- 1) Connie and Larry will work with Columbia County to schedule an annual report on the WWCCACAC.

Moving Forward - What are our next steps?

- a) Membership Recruitment and Application for Members Whose Terms Have Expired
- b) Employment
 - i) Inclusion Stickers
- c) Housing - Rack Cards
- d) City of Walla Walla Next Steps
 - i) WWACAC member to serve on Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Issue
 - ii) Develop a checklist for Downtown Alfresco Accessibility for Policy Development
 - iii) Develop pamphlet and materials on Accessibility for Building Permit Office
 - iv) Partner with Developmental Disabilities in Inclusion Stickers and Informational Pamphlets for Walla Walla Businesses
 - v) Possible Grants and Revenue Options
 - vi) Downtown Accessibility Study of Parking Options and Sidewalks Walkways with Alfresco Outside Dining

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Public Comment

For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting Date - Valley Transit on October 19, 2022. A Zoom format will also be available for those needing this accommodation. [Meeting Dates ACAC 2022](#)

Adjournment