



The Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities

2101 O'Neil Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001

Monthly Meeting: November 11, 2024, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Room 310 and Zoom

1. Call to Order: 11:35 a.m.

Roll Call/Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Patti Riesland, Michelle Woerner, Kristy Richardson, Julie Tucker, Marsha Dial, Laurie Johnson
- Board Members Absent: Carol Behrend, Ann Clement, Heather Hirsch, Lisa Nowotney
- Establish quorum: Yes – 6 of 10 members attending
- Council Liaison: Pete Laybourn
- City Personnel: Amber Ash
- Guests: Rich Gannon, Wyoming Independent Living
- Speaker: Leo Levorgood, Lions Pride Care Transportation Services

2. Approval of Minutes: September and October 2024, approved

3. Treasurer's Report: Jonah Bank \$4,903.14, Blue FCU \$4,803.38, no expenditures since last meeting

4. Announcements:

- a. Comments from Council Liaison, Pete Laybourn: 15th Street project is coming together, still have a lot of details to work out, the doorways between the rail cars are narrow.

5. Speaker: Leo Levorgood, Lion's Disability Transport Service: provides transportation to and from work, shopping, appointments, church etc. Helps in Laramie County where approx. 22,400 people are elderly/disabled, benefits caregivers and family with door-to-door service.

- a. 1153 rides in last month, no cost to riders
- b. Funded with grants from Wyoming Department of Health and Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
- c. Drivers are paid, all others are volunteers, CPR trained staff
- d. Two vehicles are operating currently, no dispatcher yet
- e. Hours 7 am to 6 pm, with goal of 24-hour service
- f. Transport within Laramie County
- g. No doctor's note required
- h. Online application includes emergency contact
- i. Fundraiser in March 2025

6. New Business:

- a. Reports
 - i. Metropolitan Planning Organization – meeting next week
- b. Airport Passenger Bridge – met with Tim Bradshaw. He agreed with the assessment that the bridge does not go all the way to the plane, it tapers to about 3 feet wide at door into plane. He suggested we contact Sky West by United because that is their policy.
 - i. No accessible transportation to Denver from Cheyenne
 - ii. Some disabled individuals are not able to board plane in Cheyenne
- c. Election Day – It was very cold and windy, people were lined up outside, the wait was up to 2 hours. Julie Tucker noted that disabled persons can go to the front of the line per policy. Follow up with Debra Lee to verify and if so, ask if this can be advertised along with commercial for accessible voting.

7. Old Business:

- a. Transit Service – the stop at 18th St and O’Neil has had the port-o-potty replaced with one that is accessible
- b. MCPD Housekeeping
 - i. Attendance – the attendance policy in the bylaws was read as a reminder to the board members, 4 absences per year or 3 absences in a row will result in vacating the seat.
 - ii. Open positions – there are currently 5 open positions on the MCPD board.
 - iii. Sign language interpreter – Patti Reisland checked with the Rocky Mountain ADA to see if closed captioning is sufficient for the board meetings, the answer is no. Ideally a sign language interpreter is required, as an interim closed captioning can be used, however captioning is not considered to be fully accessible.
 - iv. Election of Officers at December meeting – nominees: Chair: Patti Riesland, Vice-Chair: Michelle Woerner, combined Secretary/Treasurer: Kristy Richardson. No other nominations were put forth.
 - v. Goals Update – the goal spreadsheet will be updated with the information about the passenger boarding bridge.

8. Next meetings:

- a. December 5th executive board meeting
- b. December 12th monthly board meeting

9. Adjournment: 12:43 pm