

**City of Edmonton
Accessibility Advisory Committee**

(AAC) Meeting Minutes

February 12th, 2018

City Hall, Heritage Room

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Present: C. Knack A. Jaffer J. Ferguson
R. Marshall M. Orbell J. Pisesky
P. Reeves S. Thompson V. Van
Z. Weeks

Guests: A. Benoit C. Bishop J. Cournoyer
G. Donoff T. Franke D. Giacobbo
I. Hosler P. Ladouceur T. Muller
P. Osborne A. Pinkoski D. Rauch
R. Soans

Regrets: J. Davies-Davis (Medical Leave) E. Jackson
C. Jones E. Lavallee C. Minchau

Staff: H. Crowe C. Lamoureux L. Tanzi

Notes	Action
<p>1. Call to order</p> <p>At 4:36 pm</p>	
<p>2. Approval of agenda</p> <p>Agenda of February 12th, 2018</p> <p>Moved by P. Reeves</p>	Carried
<p>3. Approval of minutes</p> <p>Minutes of January 8th, 2018</p> <p>Moved by Z. Weeks</p>	Carried
<p>4. Welcome Councillor Knack (picture)</p> <p>1) Welcome to Councillor Knack and group photo.</p> <p>5. Mapping for Accessibility</p> <p>1) Presented to AAC on accessibility mapping in May 2017.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. Tested four digital mapping tools/apps with the AAC at Three Bananas Cafe in downtown Edmonton.</p>	

- ii. There were issues with all four tools. Some apps were good with Android devices, while others were only usable with iPhone. Limitations to the questions/comments and heavily focused on physical mobility/wheelchair access.
- 2) What is the City proposing?
- i. Looking to choose criteria and collect data (public and private), looking for a connection with wayfinding.
 - ii. Will be partnering with University of Alberta (U of A) staff and students. The U of A will be able to provide funding and student capacity.
 - iii. In the future, looking to make open mapping open to the public.
 - iv. AAC members broke out into small group work to fill in a handout and answer questions:
 - a. Where would data be most useful collected? (i.e. LRTs, Malls, Downtown versus Whyte Avenue, or other?)
 - b. Who else should we be talking to?
- 3) Next steps
- i. Solify scope - March 1.
 - ii. Student data collection will be in Spring 2018.
 - iii. City to present the phase one results to the AAC in September 2018.

6. AAC Taxi Letter

- 1) Accessible Taxi Letter to Council
- i. The AAC has written a letter to inform City Council on the lack of accessible taxis on the road, lack of pickups and wait times.
 - ii. Two surveys were sent out to the Insight community and the public (through a community link)
 - iii. The AAC also reviewed the UofA's Medically at Risk Driver Centre (MARD) provincial survey results.
 - iv. The AAC also received a letter from the Premier's Council explaining an issue on the lack of accessible taxis they recently had.

Motion: To approve the Accessible Taxi Services for Persons with Disabilities memo to City Council.

Moved by: S. Thompson

- 2) Next Steps
- i. A. Knack recommended presenting the letter to Council at a meeting for a better response.

Unanimous

Administration to talk to Youth Council and ETSAB on the process for how

to reduce the wait time to present a memo to Council.

7. Sub-Committee updates

- 1) Community Engagement
 - i. Sent letter to ADF/VAD/Inclusion Alberta in response to their request for support.
 - ii. Had a subsequent meeting with ETSAB Chair (C. Kelly) during the last Executive meeting.
 - iii. NAAW discussions on real issues and highlight successes.
- 2) Policy
 - i. E. Jackson stepped down as Policy Review Subcommittee Chair. J. Pisesky is now Chair.
 - ii. Continued communication with Connect to Protect program. Have asked if they are interested in having a booth somewhere during NAAW.
 - iii. Continuing to finalize AAC mandate and review of Policies C463 and C466.
 - iv. Brainstorming new projects. Let the Policy Subcommittee know if there are more ideas.

8. Event Champion Updates

Tabled

9. Civic Precinct presentation

- 1) Project Goals
 - i. Three different phases for construction.
 - ii. Project Goals for Churchill Square: Safe public area, life-cycle approach, urban tree canopy, barrier-free space, integrated space, pedestrian accessibility, health and safety standards, building standards, activities and events and four season use.
 - iii. Key changes:
 - a. Replace the steps on south entrance with 5% slopes.
 - b. Integration of 102 A Avenue with City Hall Plaza and Churchill Square.
 - c. Replace turf in East Gardens with wood planking.
 - d. Wading pool water depth 150 mm.
 - e. Zero depth entry from north and south sides.
 - f. Remove the raised planters and relocate the trees farther back from the water.
 - g. The pool can be drained quickly.
 - iv. Two different proposed designs:
 - a. Proposed Design (150mm)
 - i. Universal access from both sides.
 - ii. Improve overall plaza aesthetics.
 - iii. Space for activity during shoulder seasons.

- iv. Reduced wading depth for users in summer season.
- v. Maximized skating surface.
- vi. One step down on west and east sides.
- b. Alternatives (400mm)
 - i. White coloured basin.
 - ii. Universally accessible from one side.
 - iii. Ice skating surface reduced by 10% deeper wading experience.
 - iv. Five percent ramp on north side, multiple steps on the south side.
- v. AAC members discussed the opportunities and obstacles of the two proposed designs. The majority of AAC members preferred the proposed design (150mm) for the four season access, and more accessibility options. AAC members encouraged designers to go above and beyond code and would request that the designers come back so AAC members can provide accessibility feedback on the whole design.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Administrative/Executive update

- 1) AAC Work Plans
 - i. Executive has had extra meetings to update work plans for the two Subcommittees. Will be completed in time to attach to the AAC Annual Report.

13. Other Committee Work

- 1) DAG update
 - i. DAG is reviewing different technologies to transport equipment (i.e. exoskeletons).
 - ii. Looking to improve DATS notifications on how they are doing (pilot project) to improve wait times and travel to destinations.
 - iii. Looking at ways to help DATS riders collect their low income transit passes.

14. AAC Calendar

- 1) Upcoming event/tasks to do (Executive)
 - i. Discussion about City Council's draft 2050 Vision and Strategic Goals - February 20, 2018.
 - ii. Chairs Networking event - February 22, 2018.
 - iii. AAC Chair Interviews - March 12, 2018.
 - iv. AAC Annual Report is due on March 8, 2018. AAC members will present the report on April 17, 2018.

15. AAC Round Table/Social Media 16. Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 12th, 2018 beginning at 4:30 pm at City Hall, Heritage Room.	Tabled
17. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.	