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**GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT**

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**Accessible Communities (AC) Meeting Minutes  
December 20, 2023, 4:30-5:30 pm**

**1. AC Subcommittee Member Roll Call:**

**Warren Weissman, Chair; Clarence Eskridge, Vice-Chair; Lucy Barefoot, Dave Carl, Cullynn Foxlee, Damiana Harper, GCDE Chair; Autumn Harris, Steve Lewis.**

**Absent: Angie West**

**Staff: Elizabeth Gordon, GCDE Executive Director and Elaine Stefanowicz, Program Coordinator**

**2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes. No changes or corrections. Minutes approved as written.**

**3. Review of current AC financial report and status of approved grants with pending contracts or other issues delaying implementation. Elaine reported there are no changes in the financial report.**

**4. Comments on efforts to create an ACAC in Mason County. Kevin and Warren had a meeting with the Mason County Auditor and members of the Voting Access Committee to discuss the creation of an ACAC. The auditor is in favor of converting the existing Voter Accessibility Advisory**

**Committee (VAAC) to a combined VAAC/ACAC and will follow up on it at a later time.**

**5. Final review and voting regarding Fall 2023 grants:**

**Jefferson County: Purchase Assistive Listening, Audio Description and ASL Interpretation technology for Key City Public Theatre in Port Townsend, WA. \$13,750.**

**Steve moved that the subcommittee approve the grant and Dave seconded.**

**There were 8 votes for yes, 0 votes for no and 0 abstentions.**

**Motion approved. Grant funded for full amount.**

**Kitsap County:**

**a. Install a fully accessible front door at the Sea Discovery Center (SEA), located in downtown Poulsbo, WA. \$20,000.79.**

**Cullyn moved that the subcommittee approve the grant and Clarence seconded.**

**There was 1 vote for yes and 6 votes for no and 0 abstentions. One member had to leave the meeting and did not vote.**

**Motion did not pass. Given the large amount of the requested grant, the subcommittee asked staff to communicate to the Kitsap County ACAC that it would like to have more information about the bids obtained by the SEA for the electronic door.**

**The subcommittee may reconsider the proposal at its January 2024 meeting with the benefit of additional information. Elaine will contact the ACAC and let them know.**

- b. Outreach Project to create awareness of disability issues, advertise the Kitsap Accessible Communities Advisory Committee and recruit new members. \$1,852.00**

**Damiana moved that the subcommittee approve the grant and Clarence seconded.**

**There were 6 votes for yes, 2 votes for no and 0 abstentions. One member had to leave the meeting and did not vote.**

**Motion passed. Project will be funded.**

**Next AC Subcommittee Meeting:  
January 17, 2024, at 4:30 pm**