

I think it's incredibly important for CSU students to be represented in these conversations, especially disabled students. Additionally in these spaces often it tends to be older individuals that are represented and I think it's important to have a

diverse board, especially in a town that has so many students. Regardless of my affiliation with CSU I am committed to accessibility and inclusion of disabled people. And I am committed to taking action and completing accessibility projects.

Have you attended a meeting of the board or commission you are applying to or talked to anyone currently on the board?

Yes No

If yes, please share your experience:

I initially heard about the DAB through ASCSU, I was trying to figure out how to connect with the city on the signage on the buses that refers to the disability priority seating. As a disabled person that is unable to drive and also an Ecosystem Science and Sustainability major I ride the busses almost every day, after moving off-campus and riding several different busses I realized that the signage on the busses varied and that there were 3 different designs with varied accessibility. I wanted to advocate for better, accessible, readable, consistent signage and also for the maintenance of such signage. It's important that disabled passengers know that accommodations exist and are available and that other passengers know of these accommodations so that they can offer their seats in the moment that a disabled passenger comes on the bus or so that they understand that a wheelchair user needs to be secured and that the securements are below certain seats. Soon after Transoft redesigned the signage with my recommendations and installed them! Since then I have been able to attend pretty consistently, I'm familiar with most of the current members and I will also be helping a bit with the award ceremony and will attend. That was all mostly from the first time I went to the DAB but I've enjoyed attending as a community member and giving feedback during other presentations.

List any abilities, skills, licenses, certifications, specialized training, or interests you have which are applicable to this board or commission:

I am currently a student at Colorado State University and my minor is in Diversity and Inclusion in Natural Resources with a personal focus on disability accessibility. Initially this minor did not include any classes about disabled people and I advocated for these considerations now there are two classes. CSU as a whole does not have a lot of classes on disability. I consider American Sign Language to be my third language as I am proficient and can hold conversations. I am not a certified interpreter but I think it's important to be able to communicate with deaf people. I am always watching out for accessibility issues and looking for ways to fix them. I am currently working on a resolution because currently CSU is not budgeting for physical accessibility projects and ADA compliance, I am working with various contacts in Facilities to try and understand their budgeting needs and ultimately how much money they need. Through meeting with them I learn a lot about physical ADA compliance and learn to watch out for these things. Currently we are looking at more than \$400k a year.

Briefly explain what you believe are the three most important issues face this board or commission, and how do you believe this board or commission should address each issue?

(1) I think the Disability Advisory Board needs more public interaction and engagement in more educational activities. I think connecting residents with the 'Access FC' app is important. I've been able to report accessibility issues and the city was able to fix them

(2) I think we also need to amend the amount of time a constituent has to speak to the board and encourage constituents to come speak. Doing events where the Disability Advisory Board volunteers together maybe in the ARO program to interact with constituents.

(3) Making sure that once issues come up to us we actually follow through and at least try to take action on these issues.

Please specify any activities which might create a serious conflict of interest if you should be appointed to this board or commission:

I don't believe this is a conflict of interest, but like stated above, I currently serve as an Associate Senate for the Student Disability in the Legislative Branch of the Associated Students of Colorado State University.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (except for minor traffic offenses that resulted only in a fine)?

Yes No

If yes, please explain in detail. State the nature and approximate date of the conviction, the sentence imposed, whether the sentence has been completed, and any other information you consider to be relevant.

Upon application for and acceptance of appointment, board and commission members demonstrate their intention and ability to attend meetings. If appointed, frequent nonattendance may result in termination of the appointment.

By signing and submitting my application to the City of Fort Collins, I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado:

that I meet the eligibility requirements of the position sought and

that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Date: _____

Optional: How did you learn of a vacancy on this board or commission?

Newspaper

Cable 14

City News (Utility Bill Insert)

Website

Other (please specify) Via attending the DAB regularly and inquiring to Jan Reece.