

MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Disability Advisory Board REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 18, 2026 – 5:30 PM

300 Laporte Avenue and Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Board Members Present – Liri Sananes, Ryan Burns, Patrick Malloy, Steven Prentiss, Kristin Glennie, Linda Drees (arrived late)
- b. Board Members Absent – Cassiday Dellemonache (Chair), Anais Campbell (Co-Chair), Addie Chevalier
- c. Staff Members Present – Claudia Menendez
- d. Guest(s) – Councilmember Melanie Potyondy

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Sananes reviewed the agenda.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councilmember Melanie Potyondy thanked the members for their service and noted the advisory boards are very important to policy making in the City. She stated she would be glad to participate in any meeting the Board would deem to be helpful. She noted she also has historically met quarterly with the Chair and Vice Chair or the Boards to whom she is a liaison.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 20, 2026

Malloy made a motion, seconded by Sananes to approve the April 20, 2026 minutes. The motion was adopted unanimously.

6. BUDGET

None.

7. GUEST PRESENTER

a. Dana Hornkohl – Civil Engineering Director

Dana Hornkohl, Civil Engineering Director, showed a map of the 2026 transportation capital projects and noted the plans from which the projects are

chosen include the Active Modes Plan, the Transportation Capital Projects Prioritization Study, and the Strategic Trails Plan. He discussed some of the ongoing and upcoming projects and provided details regarding the Vine and Jerome intersection project.

Glennie asked if there will be sidewalk ramps on the south side. Hornkohl replied in the affirmative and noted the existing sidewalk will be widened from five to ten feet.

Drees asked if the signals will have an audible component. Hornkohl replied that is the intent; however, the specific model has not yet been identified.

Sananes commended the inclusion of the truncated domes and suggested using a vibrating and speaking signal.

Hornkohl went on to detail a series of five improvements that are being made as part of a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant, including Prospect Road crossing improvements and the Lake and Aggie Trail crossing improvements. He also detailed the Remington and Mulberry crossing improvements which will include updates to allow the signals to better identify cyclists. He commented on a Safe Routes to School intersection improvement project at Sharp Point and March Court to make a connection to the Poudre River Trail.

Menendez asked if the projects are being designed around the Vision Zero Council priority. Hornkohl replied all of the projects highlighted in this presentation included identified Vision Zero improvements. He noted that all capital projects have safety components, though some have other aspects such as increased vehicular capacity or streetscape improvements.

Burns asked if there is coordination with Transfort on these projects. Hornkohl replied in the affirmative and noted the Transfort Optimization Plan may have changed some of the routes which may impact future capital projects.

Hornkohl discussed crossing improvements at Kechter and Old Mill which serve several schools in the area.

Malloy asked if audible crosswalks are not a requirement. Hornkohl replied he would need to discuss those requirements with the Traffic Operations group and return with a more definitive response. He stated he believes all new and replacement signals would be audible. Sananes noted requests for audible signals to be installed at specific intersections can be made through Access Fort Collins.

Glennie noted many wheelchair users utilize bike lanes and requested assurance that crossing buttons are at correct heights. Hornkohl showed a rendering of the crossing buttons located at chair height.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Sananes noted Dial-a-Ride in Fort Collins is no longer providing Sunday service beginning August 17th.

Drees noted the proclamation for National Disability Employment Month, which is in October, was included in the meeting packet. She stated planning begins early for the associated events and awards ceremony. She stated she would like the Board to approve the proclamation so the process of getting it through the City process could begin.

Sananes read the proclamation.

Drees outlined the awards ceremony information and noted the Board has a draft schedule.

Malloy noted he is the head of the awards committee and provided a reminder that the Lincoln Center is providing volunteers.

Malloy made a motion, seconded by Prentiss, that the Board approve the proclamation that will be read at the awards banquet in October. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Members discussed the nomination forms and award descriptions.

Malloy made a motion, seconded by Prentiss, to approve the content of the nomination forms upon inclusion of the award descriptions, with dates to be adjusted in the future. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Drees noted there was a previous discussion about combining the Community Recognition and Public Awareness Committees.

Malloy made a motion, seconded by Prentiss, to combine the Community Recognition and Public Awareness Committees.

Burns stated he had a meeting with Jan Reece on Thursday and was told the Government Relations and Accessibility Committees were to be merged and the Public Awareness and Community Recognition Committees were to be merged.

Members discussed the merging of committees that was mentioned at the previous meeting.

Burns stated he was under the impression that he and Glennie would be on the combined Accessibility and Government Relations Committee.

Drees stated she would be willing to shift to the Community Recognition Committee.

Burns made a motion, seconded by Glennie, to merge the Accessibility and Government Relations Committees. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Members discussed calling the new Committee 'Government & Accessibility,'

specifically with an ampersand, with the Community Recognition and Public Awareness Committee being shortened to Community Recognition Committee.

Glennie noted International/Global Accessibility Day is on Thursday and this is Accessibility Awareness Week.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Disability Pride Month Flag

Sananes stated the Disability Pride Month flag has been purchased.

b. Disability Pride Proclamation

Sananes stated the Board was originally told the only option for the proclamation was June 16th; however, there is now a July 21st option, and Disability Pride Month is July.

Menendez noted Council meets every Tuesday, either for regular meetings in Chambers or Work Sessions in the CIC room; however, the first July regular meeting has been cancelled, which is why the specific June and July dates were options.

Menendez discussed the flag policy for City Hall and noted the general idea is for flags to be flown during the week of the proclamation.

Burns expressed support for the July 21st date and other members concurred.

Burns made a motion, seconded by Malloy, to have the Disability Pride Proclamation read on July 21st. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Members discussed the reception time and flag raising time.

Sananes suggested an arrival time of 4:15 PM.

Glennie made a motion, seconded by Malloy, to have a reception start time of 4:15 PM with the flag raising to occur as necessary per the City's employee. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Members discussed voting on who would accept the proclamation at the June meeting.

Glennie asked if a sheet describing the Disability Pride flag could be posted during the time of its display. Menendez replied an easel could be used for that purpose.

Members also discussed possibly having a Disability Pride link and description of the flag on the Board's webpage.

Glennie volunteered to write the description of the Disability Pride flag prior to the June meeting.

10. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

a. Executive Committee

None.

b. Education and Outreach

None.

c. Public Awareness

None.

d. Government Committee

None.

e. Community Recognition

Malloy noted the nomination form has already been approved pending award descriptions and date adjustments. He also noted Amanda Morgan who went off the Board in March will be receiving her lifetime achievement award, the cost of which is \$100. He stated the photographer price will be \$300, the dessert bar will be \$325, trophies will be \$375, silverware will be \$30, napkins \$20, decorations \$25, Jimmy John's sandwiches will be \$325, and a vegetable tray will be \$100, for a total of \$1,800. He stated he will be talking with Chair Dellemonache about her business donating some coffee.

Malloy noted the theme of the award ceremony last year was "The Ripple Effect," and suggested this year's theme could be "Waves of Change." He requested input on the theme as well as whether art from disabled artists would be displayed at the event.

Glennie expressed support for the art idea and noted there is an adaptive art program in Fort Collins that could be a good resource.

Burns made a motion, seconded by Malloy, Board voted to approve "Waves of Change" as the theme. The motion was adopted unanimously.

f. Accessibility

Burns noted he will be working on ensuring the City's new website is fully accessible.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Minutes approved by the Chair and a vote of the Board on June 15, 2026

Signature: Reece

6/15/26