



Advisory Committee on Accessibility

Monday, July 20, 2026, 3:00 PM, 3:00 pm, Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 149 Church Street, OR Remotely via ZOOM

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Meeting ID: 964 5816 3787

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In attendance:

Nate Besio, Chair (NB)
Jon Adams-Kollitz (JAK)
Lisa Black (LB)
Meaghan Diffenderfer (MD)
Karen Downey (KD)
Sharon Henault (SH)
Ashley Parker (AP)
Katherine Schad (KS)
John Thomas (JT)

Others in Attendance:

Sophie Sauve, BPRW Planning Division Director

Start time 3:02 pm

1. Adopt the Agenda

- Motion by KD
- Seconded by JT
- All in favor, so moved and adopted

2. Adopt Minutes

- Motion by KS to adopt minutes from June 15, 2026 Meeting

- Seconded by AP
- All in favor, so moved and adopted

2. Introductions

- The committee skipped this section as no guests were present.

3. Public Forum

- None

5. Committee News & Updates

- Ward 6 Polling Place update: Ward 6 polling entrance is now through the front door for everyone, and there will be clear signage for everyone about the change.
- JT shares that a client filled out an application to public works with issues at the crosswalk at Riverside and Hillside; the intersection will be updated by the DPW team and they are going to add time to the pedestrian phase of the light cycle.
- NB commends the new crosswalk on Main St.
- NB makes note that this Saturday, July 26 is the 36th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
 - The committee discussed drafting a press release.
 - It is noted that the last formal observation the City had of this passing was a celebration of the ADA at Oakledge for the 25th anniversary in 2015.
- Tomorrow, July 21st is the grand re-opening of Pomeroy Playground at 2 pm!
- Nate's power soccer team won their National division!

6. Potential New Member

- Jacqueline Kelley, UVM Accessibility Partner
 - Motion by LB to nominate Jacqueline Kelley for membership to the HRPC.
 - Seconded by KD
 - All in favor, so moved and approved.

7. PlanBTV 2050 Discussion

- How do we define "achieving true accessibility"?
 - Committee members created a list of what they think this means.
- Finalize wishlist for PlanBTV 2050 team.

- To be parsed down and shared with PlanBTV 2050 Engagement Team

8. Other Committee Business

- Jon shares upcoming PlanBTV 2050 Events:
 - Another major public open house meeting in October
 - If there's a desire to meet again with engagement team, they are open to coming to another meeting.
- Next meeting September 21, 2026.

9. Adjournment

Meeting ended, 3:59 pm

