



**Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
Accessibility Standards & Design Guidelines  
Advisory Working Group**

**Working Group Members:**

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**Friday, February 18, 2022  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting**

**Notes**

**1. Welcome and Update**

- a. Iris welcomed the participating members and reviewed the agenda.
- b. MIG is onboard for information gathering and compiling feedback from this group and workshops to incorporate into design standards.
  - i. Randy would be interested in seeing the scope of work.
  - ii. He'd be interested in visiting with Ms. Friesen for similar project brainstorming.
- c. Barton Robinson will be joining the work group.
- d. Lori Friesen's new OPRD Project Manager position will have project work that dovetails this group's efforts. Restroom and shower facilities are the first priority, specifically new facilities.
- e. Iris is working on file sharing means and asked for preferences of best platforms for members to review items and provide ongoing feedback between meetings?
  - i. Email sharing is fine and Google docs.
  - ii. For a technical look, hard copies would work for Mr. Sayre. Look into Teams for Mr. Sayre or other means to make it more seamless for everyone when reviewing and editing documents.
- f. Katie will manage the chat for anyone that needs to send messages.

**2. Review Goals and Group Agreement (See Attachments 1 and 2)**

- a. The group discussed Goal 1, Engagement
  - i. Ensuring multiple voices from disabled community and agency partners are heard, then letting them know when their input is incorporated into key decisions resulting in direct action.
  - ii. Create multiple avenues to gather feedback at all stages of the process.
  - iii. Ensure transparency regarding what information is gathered to establish a foundation for continued partnership, recognizing this project will be ongoing.

- b. The group discussed Goal 2, Communication
  - i. The work group's role is to provide recommendations, not confirming implementation of all or part of what is suggested during engagement efforts.
  - ii. Reach out with an accessibility lens across multiple platforms seeking input on accessibility, availability of and gaps with information and resources, and what are perceived barriers to fully enjoying recreational experiences and locations.
  - iii. Recommending programmatic elements, maintenance, consideration and design tools to help public agencies implement elements that benefit all visitors.
  - iv. Prioritize the needs of historically underserved people and integrate accessibility standards into statewide outdoor recreation services and granting processes.
  - v. The group discussed how this goal may be too broad, especially between programmatic elements and design standards. Suggestion of trying to focus mainly on the design factors will be explored further.
  - vi. The group discussed whether their recommendations will become design standards or just suggestions.
- c. The group discussed Goal 3, Implementation
  - i. The workgroup will develop a set of design guidelines and standards with an accessibility lens to directly improve visitor experiences and reduce access barriers for both maintenance and new construction.
  - ii. Create consistency in design standards and what developers think about in the on-the-ground application in OPRD and other agencies.
  - iii. Implementation and communication goals have some overlap.
  - iv. While the HB 2171 focuses on physical features and assets in parks and directs our focus to be goals for new construction to be built in the future, we can still have consideration for other work that is happening to incorporate standards and recommendations when possible as well.
  - v. We want to consider the individuals, not just build to a certain standard, but look into who uses the space and offer guidance in the process.
  - vi. The community cares about what already exists. New facilities are great, but they want to be able to use one already in place.
  - vii. We may influence continuity and expectations by incentivizing recommendations into the competitive process for grants.

### **3. Questions Raised by Advisory Group**

- a. Ms. Benson was able to discuss with the Governor's Office the intention of HB 2171 that is focused on physical features and assets, coordinated with outreach efforts and creating equity with design.
- b. Training can be a part of how this will be adapted and implemented over time.

### **4. Outreach Strategy Overview (see Attachment)**

- a. Ashley discussed her draft vision overview for outreach workshops.
- b. She's developing questionnaires to gather information and prompt brainstorming, but she is still considering open-ended versus direct questions.
- c. Since people tend to focus on their individual needs and experiences, having a broad list will allow them to consider other barriers.
- d. Ashley indicated she'd welcome any input regarding groups to add to the outreach list or any sharing of information to members' contacts to try to get the same.
- e. Social media is a good resource since groups are already formed and talking about some of the issues we'll be addressing.
- f. The group discussed the challenges of discussion platforms and the fine line between balancing input of peoples' perspectives or just ranting.

## **5. Critical Questions for Outreach**

- a. The group discussed the process and strategy.
- b. A communication plan will be defined first and then the surveys will be used.
- c. Some venues may need an attendance cap and registration.
- d. We'll want to have options for people to participate at various levels and include municipalities and other points of interception,
- e. Respect and appreciation should be given to the marginalized communities and maybe offer an enticement to participate.

## **6. Wrap-up and Next Steps**

- a. Iris will refine the scope, goals and priorities for the group's plan and structure.
- b. She will explore options for incentives, offerings of gratitude, to people that participate in our outreach efforts.
- c. Iris requested members continue to send questions or thoughts to her via email, specifically if anyone has ideas of groups we could add to our outreach audience.
- d. She will continue to work with Ashley to develop the workshop strategies and questionnaires incorporating some of the feedback from today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 16:05p.m.