SPOKANE COUNTY
Accessible Community Advisory Committee (ACAC)
Application (Last Updated 7/19/2021)

The purpose of this form is to provide the ACAC with information that will help in the recommendation process. Please print or type the following information:

First Name _______________________________________________________

Last Name _______________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State ___________

Zip _______________ Phone _______________________

Email __________________________________________________________

PURPOSE OF THE ACAC:
To promote awareness of disability issues and to improve access and inclusion and acceptance of persons with disabilities in Spokane County.

MEMBER DUTIES
1. Advise the Spokane County Board of County Commissioners on addressing the needs of persons with disabilities in emergency plans;
2. Advise the county and other local governments within the county on access to programs, services and activities, new construction or renovation projects, sidewalks, other pedestrian routes of travel, and disability parking enforcement;
3. Develop local initiatives and activities to promote greater awareness of disability issues, and acceptance, involvement, and access of persons with disabilities within the community;
4. Conduct public hearings and other investigations to determine the needs and priorities of county residents with disabilities;
5. Carry out other duties that the Spokane County Board of County Commissioners may request under the provisions of the State of Washington Accessible Communities Act.

Members can expect to dedicate an average of at least one hour a month to attend regular monthly meetings, review minutes and agenda, and participate in the activities of the ACAC.

**Please complete the following:**

1. How did you learn about ACAC?

2. It is helpful for the ACAC to know what kinds of connections or experience you have with the disabled community. Tell us about your experience with the disabled, being disabled, or connections that you have with the disabled community. We are also interested in knowing what specific kinds of disability you are familiar with.
3. Why are you interested in becoming an ACAC member?

4. Explain how your professional and/or personal experience relates to ACAC member duties.

5. Do you have specific skills or interests you want us to know about related to accomplishing the following in Spokane County:
   - Promoting greater awareness of disability issues
   - Improving access for the disabled
   - Improving acceptance of persons with disabilities
6. Are there any accommodations (large print, Braille, ASL interpreter, real-time captioning, etc) that we can provide so you can participate to the fullest?

7. In addition to monthly meetings, how many hours per month do you think you can spend on ACAC goals? (mark one)

- [ ] 1-5 hours per month
- [ ] 5-10 hours per month
- [ ] 10-20 hours per month
- [ ] 0 hours

Return completed application to:
spokanecountyacac@gmail.com
Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC)
Information for Potential Applicants

Time Commitment:
The ACAC meets at least 4 times per year for 1 hour. We are currently meeting every 4th Thursday 1:15 to 2:45 pm. Other meetings may be scheduled as needed.

Meetings are held virtually.
To find the most current link (with login credentials) for our next meeting please visit the ACAC Homepage at:
https://www.spokanecounty.org/1128/Accessible-Communities-Advisory-Committee

Members:
Number of members: 15
Term: 3 years

Appointments of members shall be primarily persons with a diverse range of disabilities promoting the ideal “Nothing About Us, Without Us” or who are knowledgeable in identifying and eliminating attitudinal, programmatic, communication, and physical barriers encountered by persons with disabilities to promote inclusion.
Acceptable applications will include family members, advocates, representatives from local disability-related organizations, and educational institutions. Members representing Limited English Proficiency (LEP or ESL) access concerns will also be desirable members.
Members will show passion and ability in promoting greater awareness of disability issues and acceptance, involvement, and access of persons with disabilities within the community. These advisors will be collectively representative of all backgrounds and ages and have varied skills and perspectives. Our committee must prioritize that our membership is reflective of the county demographics.

Thank you for your interest!
More information about the ACAC can also be found at
http://www.spokanecounty.org/1128/