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Hello OSA Use and Management Committee,

A comment for your July 28 meeting

NB #1: Informational Item: Update on the Americans with Disabilities Act
Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

From the staff report:

Programs and services to be evaluated include:

virtual and in-person volunteer, docent, and educational programs;

Open Access Days; and publicly-noticed Board and Committee meetings.

The Self-Evaluation will also include a review of the Authority's standards for public communications such as email notifications, webpages, and other written/graphic content.

I do not Zoom, partly for financial reasons and partly to experience in a limited way what life is like on the wrong side of the digital divide. Presentations and other written material are often not available in advance (far too often, OSA agenda items just say you will talk about something). For those of us in the 4R club (read, research, reflect, respond), this is a real disadvantage. And this is only one part of inclusion and accessibility deficiencies.

Having attended a VTA APBP bike/ped webinar on inclusion for walk audits, I am now more sensitive to people needing screen readers and people with cognitive challenges who need additional time to process information, among other issues.

If you want to increase your knowledge of special needs (other than language translation), may I recommend a chapter on meeting planning

PLANNING A MORE INCLUSIVE MEETING

from

INCLUSIVE WALK AUDIT FACILITATOR'S GUIDE [2020]

Minnesota Department of Health

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/physicalactivity/docs/walkaudit.pdf>

Regards, DougM