

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, May 22, 2009
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Karen Johnson, Chair; Brian Barnwell, James Marston, Victor Suhr, Adelaida Ortega

Committee Members Absent: Amy Van Meter, Jeanette Chian

Staff Present: Kristy Schmidt, Employee Relations Manager; Pat Kelly, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer; George Estrella, Chief Building Official; Yolanda McGlinchey, Emergency Services Manager; Brian D'Amour, Project Engineer II; Danielle Clayton, Administrative Specialist

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved. (Ortega, Suhr, 4-0-1)

4. Public Comment

Elaine Bornstein commented on the MTD system. Kristy Schmidt noted that MTD is a separate agency, but offered to invite MTD to come to a meeting at a later time to inform members about MTD's own access compliance efforts.

5. Agenda Items

a. Public Rights-of Way

City staff member, Brian D'Amour, finished his presentation on right-of-way access. The discussion included information on design details, including curb cuts and accessible pedestrian signals. Mr. D'Amour will return at a later date to discuss the prioritization of new curb cut and signal locations.

b. City Disaster Response

Yolanda McGlinchey, City Emergency Services Manager, spoke about the City's efforts to ensure the safety of people with disabilities in an emergency, including during the recent Tea and Jesusita fires. She encouraged members to become familiar with the County's Disaster Plan for Vulnerable Populations, available through the following link:

<http://www.sbcphd.org/ems/disaster.html>

Ms. McGlinchey discussed the need for each family to have a disaster plan and what emergency supplies are needed.

c. Waterfront

The City's Waterfront Facilities Manager, Karl Treiberg, reported on the Waterfront's ADA Transition Plan. He discussed accessibility throughout the Waterfront, including Stearns Wharf and Marina 3, the Harbor's fully accessible Marina.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, August 28, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.
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