

## Community Outreach Meeting

Date: May 10, 2007

Meeting No.: 2

Re: **City of Santa Barbara (CSB) ADA Survey, Transition Plan and Self-Evaluation Updates, Accessibility Training Program**

Attendees: Pat Kelly, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer  
George Estrella, Chief Building Official  
Kristy Schmidt, City Administrator's Office – ADA Compliance Officer  
Sarah Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager  
Das Williams, City Councilmember  
Traci Alvarez, Public Works Administrative Assistant  
Nicole Moore, Building Inspector Aide  
Bonnie Elliot, President of AACS Committee  
Gilda Puente-Peters, Gilda Puente-Peters Architects, (GPPA)  
Members of the community – see attached list

GPPA Job No.: 26007

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The following items were discussed and decisions made:

### *Items Discussed*

#### **1. Introductions**

Pat Kelly, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer and Project Coordinator for the ADA Transition Plan Self-evaluation updates welcomed all members of the community that attended this meeting to provide their valuable input in the prioritization process of this Transition Plan update.

Pat Kelly summarized some of the issues that were brought up at the first community meeting that have been addressed.

#### **2. Summary of Project Purpose**

- Project scope and methodology:  
Gilda Puente-Peters, the City's accessibility consultant, with a PowerPoint presentation summarized the project scope and methodology for the benefit of members of the community that were not able to attend the first public outreach meeting.
- Project status, overview of project timeline and major milestones:
  - The 10 general evaluation facility surveys have been completed; 62 general evaluation surveys completed; reports in progress.
  - GPPA conducted a Public Right-of-Way, Outdoor Accessibility and Universal

Design training. The training included a PowerPoint presentation in the morning and a field trip in the afternoon. Staff members had the opportunity to experience using wheelchairs and a white cane and blindfold as part of a sensitivity training to better understand the needs of persons with different disabilities.

- The Self-evaluation update policies are in progress.
- The overall project schedule is one and a half years. The project is moving slightly ahead of schedule.

### 3. Follow-up items from First Public Input Meeting

- Status of AACS applications: George Estrella indicated the process that the AACS committee has established for selection of new AACS members. The application process for new committee members is open until June 22. One of the requirements is to live within the City limits of Santa Barbara. Some members asked if this requirement could be waived. George Estrella indicated that he would look into this. It was announced that the next AACS committee meeting is scheduled for May 25.
- Updated Grievance Procedures and Complaint form: A copy of the updated Grievance Procedures and Complaint forms were provided at the meeting. Kristy Schmidt is the current ADA Compliant Officer. She will be the central point of communication regarding ADA Compliance for the City.
- Emergency Response and Emergency Evacuation for persons with Disabilities: The fliers from the Department of Justice were available at the meeting.
- City's Website in compliance with Section 508: GPPA in conjunction with the City's website master are working in the evaluation and proposed action plan.
- Additional Public Input meetings: Pat Kelly indicated that this meeting is the result of the request by the community to have additional public input meetings.

### 4. Review City's Capital Program

Pat Kelly indicated that the initial Capital Program budget for accessibility barrier removal projects is \$250,000.00 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These initial funds will be used for the Main Library restroom project. The restrooms are estimated to cost about \$300,000.00, so there will be a shortfall, but the City is committed to find the necessary funding to complete the work this coming year.

A question was raised if there will be any other sources of funding for access compliance projects. Pat Kelly and Gilda Puente-Peters indicated that there would be barrier removal included in all retrofit and alteration projects of existing City facilities, which need to comply with current codes and regulations, indicated it. Additional barrier removal is also accomplished by on-going maintenance projects.

## 5. Review of First Public Input Meeting Prioritization

Gilda Puente-Peters reviewed the following information recorded on flip charts that included the results of the first community outreach meeting:

### 1. Prioritization by Departments within General Fund and Enterprise Facilities – Viewing the City facilities in its entirety

#### ○ General Fund:

The departments were ranked in the following order of priority in terms of intensity of public use and the nature of the program offered.

1. Libraries
2. City Administration Services
3. Parks and Recreation
4. Community Development
5. Police
6. Fire Stations
7. Intra City Services

#### ○ Enterprise Fund Facilities:

1. Parking
2. Airport
3. Waterfront
4. Golf
5. Water Fund
6. Waste Fund

### 2. Prioritization of the priority City facilities that will have detailed surveys and budgetary cost estimates

1. City Hall and Annex
2. Central Library
3. Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center and Bath House
4. Police Station
5. Westside Community Center
6. Community Development/Public Works
7. MacKenzie Park
8. Alice Keck Park
9. Eastside Library

**3. List of priority type of barriers to be removed**

- Detectable Warnings
- Pedestrian Audible Signals
- City's Website compliant with 508
- Overhead Obstructions – trim trees and vegetation protruding into the pedestrian path of travel
- Sidewalks uneven surfaces caused by tree roots
- Sidewalks pavement dislocations – temporary sidewalk patches left too long
- Installation of new curb ramps to complete path of travel routes
- Lever hardware
- Door pressure at priority building entrances with power operated doors - adjust door closers at other doors
- Sensitivity training for City staff
- Facilities Evacuation Plan and overall City's Emergency Evacuation Plan and preparation for persons with special needs
- Care provider notified in emergency
- Accessible shelters – provisions for guide dogs

**4. List of priority type of barriers to be removed**

- Access to parking lots
- Eastside Bath House sidewalk repair – uneven surfaces
- Curb cuts on Cota and Laguna streets
- Power door at Davis Center
- Turn on and maintain power door at Main Library in working condition
- Installation of double swing doors – cost effective solution when door strike clearance is difficult to meet
- ADA training for City staff
- City Hall elevator

**6. Additional Public Comment**

The accessibility consultant facilitated the open forum, gathering additional community member's input, which is summarized below:

**Additional Comments From Public Meeting On 5-10-07:**

- Proposal to hold meetings in the David Gebhard Meeting Room (easier to get to than City Chambers)
- Incentive program for local businesses to be ADA compliant

- Can the City do something to improve downtown business access?
- City and County cooperation with ADA compliance
- Improve Communication Accessibility
- Provide Graphics and Audio for persons unable to read text
- Include City's existing curb cuts on GIS map
- Coast Village Road sidewalks (2nd request)
- Lever door handles vs. knobs (2nd request)

**Additional Curb Ramps From Public Meeting On 5-10-07:**

- Mission St & Green Lane
- Mission St & 101 Freeway underpass (City project in progress)
- Olive St & Montecito St
- Cota St & Olive St
- Cota St & Laguna St
- Corner @Greyhound Bus Terminal

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There was a discussion regarding the importance to renovate the elevator at the City Hall. Gilda Puente-Peters asked if persons who use wheelchairs are able to use the City Hall elevator or not.

**7. Conclusion - Ongoing Public Input through Advisory Accessibility Committee to Staff (AACS)**

Pat Kelly indicated that there would be the opportunity to provide additional public input on an on-going basis through the AACS committee.

- Participate on ACCS committee new members: It is expected to take approximately a month and a half to conclude the selection process of new AACS committee members.
- Participate on ACCS committee ongoing meetings to provide input: The AACS committee meetings are open to the public, so anyone is welcome to attend and participate.

Sincerely,

Gilda Puente-Peters, Principal  
**GILDA PUENTE-PETERS, ARCHITECTS**  
*Universal Design Specialists*