

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, February 27, 2009

REGULAR MEETING

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Karen Johnson, Chair; Amy Van Meter, Brian Barnwell, James Marston, Jeanette Chain, Victor Suhr

Committee Members Absent: Adelaida Ortega

Staff Present: Kristy Schmidt, Employee Relations Manager; Pat Kelly, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer; George Estrella, Chief Building Official

3. Approval of Minutes

No meeting minutes to be approved.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Agenda Items

a. Overview of Access Advisory Committee Role

Kristy Schmidt gave an overview of the scope of the Access Advisory Committee (AAC) and its relationship to assist City staff as established by the City Council. The AAC scope includes: equal and effective program access, improving access in City buildings, improving Public Right of Way, and educating the public about disability and disability access issues. AAC will meet every month at first, but will eventually just meet quarterly as requested by the Council.

b. Overview of City of Santa Barbara Access Compliance Efforts

Kristy Schmidt presented the various compliance efforts that are currently in effect within the City of Santa Barbara. Schmidt discussed the ADA and Section 504 and responsibilities, the overall organization of compliance efforts, the roles of the ADA Coordinator and Liaisons within various departments of the City, and some of the issues each department is responsible for.

c. Future Meetings

Staff recommended various issues to be placed on the next agenda and suggested future meeting dates. The Committee moved to set a Special Meeting date for Friday, March 27, 2009, at 9:30am to discuss the following:

1. Overview of ADA Compliance within the Parks and Recreation Department;
2. Overview of Public Right of Way; and
3. Overview of the Reverse 9-1-1 System

The Committee moved to place those items in the next agenda and hold April 24, 2009, as the following Special Meeting date. Motions carried [Suhr/Barnwell, 7-0].

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 27, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. [Special Meeting]
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