

City of Santa Barbara
Access Advisory Committee
Action Minutes
Friday, February 17, 2017
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room

Committee Members Present:

Robert Burnham – Chairperson; Martha Degasis; Barbara Silver; Ken McLellan; James Marston; Nick Koonce

Committee Members Absent:

Karen Johnson

Staff to Committee Present:

Mike Wiltshire, Acting Facility and Energy Manager, ADA Coordinator; Alelia Parenteau, Energy/Administrative Analyst II; Tina Diaz, Accounting Assistant

Santa Barbara City Staff Present:

Justin Van Mullem, Associate Planner; Jill Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director; Derrick Bailey, Supervising Transportation Engineer; Steve Sisler, Traffic Technician II; Captain Todd Stoney, Police Department-Community Services; Laura Yanez Project Engineer I

City Council Liaison:

Absent – Jason Dominguez

Agenda Item Number 1:

Discussion: The Chair called the meeting to order.

Informal Action Items: Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Agenda Item Number 2:

Discussion: A. Parenteau called roll

Informal Action Items: See the attendance above

Agenda Item Number 3:

Discussion: The Chair called for Public Comment

Informal Action Items: There was no public comment

Agenda Item Number 4:

Discussion: Approval of November 11, 2016, Minutes, and Discussion of Pending Items

1. Staff will post a compliant PDF version of Disabled Parking informational flyer on the City's website for the visually impaired.

2. J. Marston requested 'a blue curb map' for within the City. Staff provided this map and show that there are a total of seventy-three blue curb spaces.
3. Report of Committee by Ad Hoc Committee on Goals and Objectives will be brought back to committee
4. B. Silver asked about alternate ways of getting in and out of parking lots when parking lot is full?
5. J. Marston requested a draft of minutes within one or two weeks of meeting
6. The Committee asked about 'how to request a Special meeting'.
7. Staff responded to Committee claim that pending items were not being addressed by pointing out that the current list of pending items have all been addressed. Staff asked the Committee to bring forth items that have been missed.
8. Access Advisory Committee Annual Report to Council – tentatively planned for May
 - a. Need to meet with the Ad Hoc Committee on Goals & Objectives first.

Actions:

- Staff is working with City I.T. Department in regards to posting the parking information flyer and will let the Chair know once it's completed.
- Staff will post an accessible PDF version of the 'blue curb mapping' on the website for the visually impaired.
- The Ad Hoc Committee will meet with new ADA Coordinator, M. Wiltshire. Staff will schedule a meeting prior to the next Access Advisory Committee meeting, the discussion will be addressed at the May AAC meeting.
- Staff will contact Victor Garza at Downtown Parking to come back to a future meeting regarding accessing disability parking spaces in City parking lots.
- Staff will work on draft of minutes to be available within one to two weeks of meeting. Also, immediately after today's meeting, Staff will post previous meeting minutes in the archive on the website.

Committee Votes: MOTION to approve minutes from November 11, 2016: Approved J. Marston/N. Koonce. Ayes=6; Nays=0; Abstain=0; Absent=1

Agenda Item Number 5:

Discussion: Committee Member Reports

1. B. Silver would like to discuss the gaps and needs in communications within the Committee and its function.
2. J. Marston reported that parking meters at the Waterfront parking lots are being reinstalled to comply with ADA requirements. The parking meters will be positioned no higher than the maximum height of 48" inches.
3. J. Marston reported that a total of three Certified Access Specialists are now employed with the City – two plan checkers and one field inspector. These staff members have an enhanced understanding of building codes as they relate to accessibility and will help make positive impact on the accessibility community through awareness and proactive adaptation of the built environment.
4. B. Burnham mentioned K. Johnson wanted to put together a brochure to connect community members with disability agencies and to better educate the

community. B. Burnham request to move this to next meeting since K. Johnson is absent today.

Agenda Item Number 6:

Discussion: Review Final Access Plans and look at ADA sign locations at Cabrillo Arts Pavilion

J. Van Mullem and J. Wilcox addressed the Committee and reviewed two plan sheets from the Cabrillo Arts Pavilion architectural plans. The site accessibility plans were brought to the Committee twice before today's meeting. In August 21, 2015 meeting presented by J. Zachary which followed by a tour of the facility on October 30, 2015. At that meeting there were some suggestions from Committee members, some of which were incorporated into the design.

The City's ADA transition plan was surveyed and found that a) two access barriers were in the right of way, b) over thirty barriers were on the site, and c) fifty-seven barriers in the interior of the building. All of these barriers listed will be corrected as part of the remodel and the project's goals are to restore and update this waterfront community recreation facility by broadening and enhancing access to the interior, exterior, and to work within the sites constraints while preserving the historic integrity of the building. Construction of this project will be begin January 1, 2018 and this facility will be closed approximately 18 months. This is a big project and has been in progress for three years.

The project manager is looking for input from the Committee on ADA sign locations for this facility.

- Sign locations
 - On the street level, to the right on Cabrillo Boulevard, there will be a new accessible parking space.
 - In front of the building there will be a new sign that will give you directional arrows to the second floor level (the Pavilion) or the first floor level (the Bathhouse).
 - At the entry level, a lot of barriers were removed and the area is now wide open. There will be accessible bathrooms and an elevator that will connect the first and second floor, accessible ramps that will take you to the west side of the building and down to the west side parking lot, an accessible path of travel that leads to the showers, a beach ramp, and to the first floor.
 - There will be a ramp added from the eastern parking lot to a plaza, which will give access to the boardwalk, eastside of the building, and to both the east and west external showers.
 - At both the eastern and western parking lots, there will be directional signs that point to the elevators and the ramps.
 - Accessible paths of travel to emergency exits and elevators will be added and two accessible paths that will go to the lower level along the north side of the building onto the east pathways, this will lead to the parking lots.

- ADA parking spaces: 1) at the street level, there is one in the right of way that is a street parking space 2) on the actual property there are a total of three on the east side and a total of four on the west side parking lots 3) there is a fifteen-minute parking space located at the front of the building that can also be used by ADA placard holders for an extended period of time.

M. Degasis asked about beach wheelchair accessibility at LeadBetter Beach?

Actions:

- J. Zachary will get back to the Committee and Staff regarding where the wheelchairs will be relocated to during construction.
- Staff will develop a letter for the ADA Coordinator's signature affirming the Committee's approval of site plan and designs for this project.
- Justin made a request to the Committee as a part of Historic Building Code requirements that this project was reviewed and received positive comment from the Access Advisory Committee. Specifically to support the site plans without the east ramp.
- Alelia suggested a letter of support for the project.

Committee Votes: Barbara Silver made a motion in agreeance with support of the project plans as presented and to ensure this motion of support be included in the minutes. Seconded by Nick Koonce. Ayes=6; Nays=0; Abstain=0; Absent=1

Agenda Item Number 7:

Discussion: Break at 10:35 a.m.

Agenda Item Number 8:

Discussion: ADA Parking Update

A.) D. Bailey addressed the Committee with a presentation regarding former and updated practices for siting and removing residential on-street disabled parking spaces.

- Previously, there were three requirements before a blue zone could be installed:
 - i. Applicant must have a disabled placard or license plate
 - ii. Applicant must have no available convenient off-street parking
 1. Applicants are required to fully utilize good driveway onsite parking, which is confirmed via inspection
 - iii. Applicant must be a resident of the adjacent property (i.e. not for visitors)
- In updated practices, there are four requirements before a blue parking space can be installed:
 - i. Applicant must have a disabled placard or license plate
 - ii. Applicant has no available convenient off street parking
 - iii. Resident of adjacent property (i.e. not for visitors)
 - iv. On-street parking space must meet ADA standards
 - v. There are two acceptable configurations for on street parking space that is in the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines

(PROWAG) depending on whether the spot is located mid-block or at the intersection. Federal Highway Administration has not adopted the PROWAG but they recommend Agency to use PROWAG as best practices.

- Currently, most blue zone parking spaces do not meet PROWAG guidelines but they do still provide a convenient reserved parking spaces for ADA placards and license plates.

N. Koonce mentioned that he thought wheelchair accessible on-street parking spots are diminishing. He asks whether they are being moved from on street parking into public parking ~~lots?~~lots. Staff responded that they would rather keep blue curb parking off of the street because on-street disabled parking can be hazardous.

J. Marston had additional questions about removal of blue zone parking within the City.

- Staff distributed a blue zone map along with address listings of disability parking within the City to reinforce that in fact, more blue curbs were added than removed.

Steve Sisler can be in contact regarding questions for on-street parking and emailed to ssisler@santabarbaraca.gov

B.) Captain T. Stoney address the Committee with parking enforcement procedures. He explained all calls at the Police Department (PD) are prioritized and some days parking enforcement can be dispatched immediately if the call load is low. The Committee should keep in mind that there's significant staffing issues and this impacts the priority calls. He did mention that there is a \$485 fine violation and this is a huge risk the citizens are taking if abusing accessible parking spots. The new Chief is putting together community programs that would help with parking enforcement and may assist in addressing parking enforcement response time.

N. Koonce mentioned about concerns in parking enforcement and wheelchair accessibility parking abuse. There's a mobile application that will allow community enforcement and he would like PD to reconsider parking enforcement mobility. Information on this mobility application can be sent to Captain T. Stoney and emailed at tstoney@sbgpd.com

Agenda Item Number 9:

Discussion: L. Yanez, Project Engineer I updated the Committee with the following projects:

A.) Projects that are currently in construction

1. The CDBG 2016/17 Project, which includes high visibility crosswalks in front of the Municipal Tennis Court at the Old Coast Highway/Park Place intersection. The crosswalk flashing beacons will be installed on upper De

La Vina Street. Eight new ramps will be installed on the Westside at Sunset.

B.) Projects that are close to construction and in final design

1. La Cumbre Sidewalk Infill Project, which includes connecting sidewalk segments along La Cumbre Road from Via Lucero to Stacey Lane.
2. Montecito Bridge Project, which includes adding accessible sidewalks on the bridge along Salinas Street from Mason Street to Clifton Street.
3. Cacique Bridge Project, which includes adding missing sidewalks along the Westside of Soledad Street beginning at Cacique Street to Carpenteria Street. This project will include replacement of existing pedestrian and bicycle bridge.
4. Milpas Sidewalk Infill Project, which includes adding missing sidewalks along the Eastside of Milpas beginning at Cabrillo Boulevard and continuing to the US Highway 101 on/off ramps located north of the Union Pacific Railroad.
5. Section 130 Project, this project will install safety improvements at the public rail crossing at State Street.

B. Burnham mentioned a few sidewalks within the City that he's observed need improvements but doesn't know where to submit the information.

Action: Staff will look into this with Streets Department and bring information back to the Committee.

Agenda Item Number 10:

Discussion: Election of new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2017. The Committee nominated J. Marston as Chairperson and B. Burnham as Vice-Chairperson. The ADA Coordinator approved the nominations for this Committee.

Committee Votes: MOTION to accept new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2017. B. Silverman/N. Koonce; Ayes=6; Nays=0; Abstain=0; Absent=1

Agenda Item Number 11:

Discussion: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Committee Votes: MOTION to adjourn meeting. K. McLellan/N. Koonce; Ayes=6; Nays=0; Abstain=0; Absent=1

