



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, April 14, 2017
1:30pm – 2:30pm
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden St.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members

James Marston, Chair	Present
Robert Burnham	Absent
Martha Degasis	Present
Karen Johnson	Present
Nick Koonce	Present
Ken McLellan	Present
Barbara Silver	Absent

City Staff

Mike Wiltshire, Facilities & Energy Manager, ADA Coordinator	Present
Alelia Parenteau, Energy Analyst	Present
Tina Diaz, Accounting Assistant	Present

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Anna Marie Gott - requested that the Committee look into and possibly agendize the issue of accessibility with short term rental conversion units.

4. AGENDA ITEM: To revisit the discussion regarding Access Plans and ADA sign locations at Cabrillo Arts Pavilion from the Access Advisory Committee Meeting on February 17, 2017. Review, consider and take action upon design recommendations.

- J. Marston posed to Committee if they were aware that the intent of the letter of support for the Cabrillo Pavilion project included the elimination of an accessible ramp on the east side of the building.
 - K. McLellan – Yes, understood the content of the letter
 - N. Koonce – Voted on general support of project but wasn't clear on ramp component
 - K. Johnson – Wasn't present during Feb 17, 2017 meeting
 - M. Degasis – Yes, it was clearly presented that the ramp was to be eliminated
 - J. Marston – Indicated strong support of the project, but expressed concerns with accessibility on the east side of the building with removal of the ramp.
 - R. Burnham – Absent
 - B. Silver – Absent
- General questions from J. Marston:
 - Is the elevator publicly accessible?
 - Yes, from main Bathhouse door during business hours
 - Yes, from onsite monitor access through existing exit door
 - Using an on staff monitor to open the back door will have to be pre-planned and can only be an option during a special event.

- What are the plans to make the elevator available after hours?
 - Onsite monitor will be able to leave eastside exit door open during special events
- Will bike/surrey blockades affect accessibility to the lower walkway and promenade?
 - Plans allow for accessible path of travel in addition to any bike/surrey blockades
- How is the path of travel to be kept free of obstacles? (chairs, tables, etc)
 - Education of staff and restaurant is key in maintaining path of travel
 - The project design kept path of travel in mind to bathrooms and front of building.
 - N. Koonce expressed concerns with businesses blocking path of travel after the permit has been signed off. Requested future agenda item to discuss enforcement of path of travel and ADA deficiencies.
- Can existing steep, non ADA, ramps on either side of the building be left in place but not labelled as accessible?
 - Ramp on west side will be rebuilt and accessible
 - Ramp on east side will be removed due to large grade difference
- Justin Van Mullem, Parks & Recreation Project Planner
 - Indicated thanks for support from the ADA with the development of the project
 - Over 89 documented barriers will be removed from the site with this project
 - There has been no changes to the design since the February 17, 2017 meeting
 - As a courtesy, Justin met with Mr. Rehling with Accessible Santa Barbara prior to today's meeting to review the plans for the project.
 - Still working with SoCal Gas on possible relocation of the gas line on the property
 - Indicated building will be open until 10pm with limited staff
 - During after-hours events upstairs in the Pavilion, onsite staff monitors could provide access through existing emergency exit doors to access. Likely door would be propped open for limited access for special events under control of an onsite monitor.
 - The main door to the Bathhouse facility will be open until 10pm along with accessible doors
 - There will have to be access maintained from ramp to all accessible doors along covered walkway (portico) that cannot be impeded by tables or chairs. The request for proposal for restaurant tenant specifically states that there will need to be an accessible path of travel maintained.
 - Regarding eastside ramp removal the design was aiming to restore symmetry to the building. Able to build a ramp on the Westside due to existing grade differences where on the East side there is a much larger grade difference. The only option would be a 900 square foot switchback setup on the east side. This would be a very large zig-zag ramp.
 - There will be 8 15-minute parking spaces and 1 ADA spot
 - City is unaware of how late the restaurant will be open
 - City believes the Bathhouse will be open until 10pm to promote more activity
 - N. Koonce indicated that this is a remarkable project. Nick is not convinced there is a need for a ramp on the East Side but believes there may be a way for it to be implemented if needed. But, ultimately doesn't feel the need to fight for this ramp.
 - Currently building operates as two separate entities with no access or communication. The elevator provides a new connection between the levels.
 - Justin gave assurances that the non-compliant Waterfront parking meters will be addressed by the time the Cabrillo project is completed.
 - J. Marston summarized that Bathhouse lower entrance will be open until 10pm and east side door to Pavilion will be open or available during special events and operated by a on staff monitor.
- Public Comment on this item
 - Jacob Lesner with ILRC
 - Interested in working on the Cabrillo project and any other project with regards to accessibility.
 - Will Rehling with Accessible Santa Barbara
 - Noted this is a good discussion and wanted to thank Justin and the City for bringing it forward

- Concerned with the timeline of bringing future projects to the Committee as early as possible. Preference would be to bring projects before they go through Planning and Building & Safety
- Concerned with omission of east ramp and it limiting access from the east side to one accessible path into the building. Echoed concern that this one main path of travel will be maintained and enforced.
- Concerned with additional parking concerns in the east waterfront parking lot. Ask to have these corrected as a part of this project.
- Concerned with assurances that east side door will be open and available during a special event after 10pm.

J. Marston proposed a motion for Committee support of Cabrillo Pavilion plans as submitted. Seconded by N. Koonce. Ayes = 5, Nays = 0, Absent = 2

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 9, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

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