



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING

Friday, August 17, 2018
9:30am – 11:30am
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden St.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members

James Marston, Chair	Present
Nick Koonce, Vice Chair	Present
Barbara Silver	Present
Robert Burnham	Present
Jacob Lesner-Buxton	Present
Karen Johnson	Absent

City Staff

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

Invited Speakers

George Thomson, City of Santa Barbara Parks Capital Projects Supervisor
Derrick Bailey, City of Santa Barbara Principal Traffic Engineer
Erica Madrigal, City of Santa Barbara Project Engineer
Ashleigh Shue, City of Santa Barbara Streets Supervising Engineer
Nick Koonce, Access Advisory Committee Vice-Chair

Proposed Future Agenda Items:

- Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD) Parking Enforcement
- Transition Plan Progress. Completed and Planned Accessibility Projects.
- Valet Parking Ordinance Update
- Parks & Rec Project Update

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Eric Heinsohn – Raytheon Facilities & Real Estate Manager
 - Presented a path of travel issue in the area of Aero Camino & Hollister (6380 Hollister Ave). A Raytheon employee who uses a wheelchair and travels from an MTD bus stop on the south side of Hollister to the Raytheon office on the north side of Hollister encounters a number of barriers. Main issues are driveway apron and sidewalk curb cuts in front of businesses (Casey's Garage & Ocean Glass & Screen). City will work with Mr. Heinsohn to see about timing and potential for improvements in this area. Explore options for Raytheon partnering with City. Raytheon looking for support to help navigate the permit process.
- Mr. Matt Alcantar – Accessibility Advocate
 - Spoke on concerns with blue curb enforcement and code compliance of existing accessible parking spaces. Concerned that accessible parking spaces that are not up to code are potentially unenforceable. Would also like to see the City improve mapping or an app tailored to the accessible community identifying accessible paths, parking, and

resources for accessibility users. Would like to see more enforcement of accessible parking violations.

- Committee: Informed Mr. Alcantar of current efforts in this area creating a blue curb map and working with the City towards improvements with blue curb parking. Shared interest in finding a way to increase enforcement of accessible parking violations including the potential for a citizen based enforcement approach.
- Mike Wiltshire: To follow up with SBPD regarding enforcing blue curb parking spaces that may not have all proper signage or code requirements. Are such spaces still enforceable? Plan to add discussion with SBPD Parking Enforcement on a future agenda.
- Mr. Will Rehling – Accessible Santa Barbara
 - Asked Committee to discuss/request the possibility of SBPD using all revenue generated from accessible parking violations be used on accessibility relate expenses.
 - Called the Committee’s attention to the City’s 2-year budget cycle and Capital Improvement Program. Identified a number of references in the budget to ADA and transition plan related items showing that there is effort towards the transition plan. Made a request for staff and committee to have an agenda item to discuss the transition plan and how to help prioritize funds for accessibility projects.
 - Jim Marston: Agrees it would be a good idea to have an overview of the transition plan and completed and future projects on the next agenda.
 - Nick Koonce: Made a request for a special meeting to discuss the transition plan.
 - Barbara Silver: Requested some information on accessing the 2007 Gilda Puentes. Mike Wiltshire will send out information on accessing the transition plan documentation.
 - Jim Marston: Looking for access to records of completed ADA projects and a plan for future projects. Mike Wiltshire responded that the plan for future projects shows up in the City’s Capital Improvement Program which includes dollars for accessibility upgrades and this is guided by the Gilda Puentes Transition Plan.
- Christine Dawkins – (Write-In Comment) – Resident
 - Looking for help making a request to have an accessible parking space installed in the public right of way near her apartment on the 500-block of West Figueroa. Mike Wiltshire to work with City Parking and Transportation staff to clarify if this is possible and what the process is.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & DISCUSSION OF PENDING ITEMS

a) Approval of Minutes

- May 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes – APPROVED with following corrections.
 - Barbara Silver, Item 5:
 - Correction – Revise staff announcement language to “Discussed the positively received annual report to Council on May 1, 2018. Council annual report was attended by Jim Marston and Barbara Silver”
 - Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Barbara Silver, Seconded by Bob Burnham. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 (Jacob Lesner-Buxton)

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS & STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Committee Member Reports:
 - Sidewalk ad-hoc committee meeting on Aug 6, 2018
 - Jim Marston –
 - Flexible paving around tree wells as an option for improving tree well gaps. Solid surface product that fills in tree wells. Currently have a test location on Calle Laureles near the CVS and looking for more possible locations for this product.
 - Relayed information that City is looking to create some “loading zones” on the street in the public right of way. Potential for funding for a couple per year. The City is looking for recommended locations to install such loading zones. Committee to respond to Mike Wiltshire with any proposed locations for these on-street accessible loading zones.

- Nick Koonce –
 - Asked subcommittee if they had made use of the Blue Curb inventory map in prioritizing sidewalk work? Jim Marston responded that this hasn't been used at this point. Nick Koonce suggested that he will bring a revised prioritized blue curb list for the sidewalk sub-committees reference.
 - Electric Scooter Public Forum on Aug 15, 2018
 - Bob Burnham
 - Liked the format of the meeting and what was addressed. Forum aimed to get responses to a few key questions:
 - What do you like about the scooters?
 - What are your concerns with the scooters?
 - What are some measures to improve or safeguard?
 - Jim Marston
 - The major concern with the scooter share is related to where scooters are left/parked and how that will obstruct path of travel. Can't expect the Access Advisory Committee to ultimately approve something that impedes path of travel.
 - Discussed the issue with the burden of time and regulation being put on the City with very little notice from the companies who are implementing these scooter share programs.
 - Concern with cost and responsibility of enforcement with things such as helmet usage, blocking sidewalks, and vandalism.
 - Jacob Lesner-Buxton
 - Noted it was a good discussion and felt those present were very cognizant of accessibility.
 - Accessible Voting Machines Meeting Aug 29, 2018 at 4pm at the Louis Lowry Davis Center.
 - Introduction of new Independent Living Resources Center Program Manager, Brian Hollander.
 - Tactile Dome Uniformity Update
 - Jim Marston
 - Existing City Standard Detail does not specifically require Yellow as the color for tactile warnings. Brian D'Amour City Engineer has expressed to Jim Marston that he is willing to update the City Standard Details to further clarify color requirements for sidewalk ramp tactile warnings.
 - Effort is ongoing but Committee and City are working towards more uniformity.

6. PARKS & RECREATION PROJECT UPDATE:

- George Thomson, City of Santa Barbara Parks Capital Projects Supervisor
 - Cabrillo Pavilion Project (In Construction)
 - Under construction currently
 - Showed some photos and updates on construction progress
 - Project is progressing per design with a large number of accessibility upgrades
 - Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation (In Construction / Complete)
 - Opening renovated ball park in September 2018
 - Improvements included: new turf, irrigation, draining, lighting, exercise equipment, ADA compliant spectator area, restroom renovation.
 - Municipal Tennis Center Playground (Complete)
 - Installed a new playground in a underutilized portion of the parking lot
 - Installed a new patio off one of the tennis courts
 - Mackenzie Off-Leash Dog Park (Out for Bid)
 - Dog park with upgrades including ADA path of travel improvements, lighting, fenced dog areas, accessible double gated entry to dog park space.
 - Louis Lowry Davis Center Renovation (In Design)
 - Interior and exterior renovation

- Improved use of space, lighting, entry way, new exterior patio, general tenant improvements
 - Parma Park Trail Renovation (In Design)
 - Creating a new accessible trail loop within the park. This trail will be ADA compliant.
 - Dwight Murphy, Ortega, and Bohnett Park Master Plan Projects (In Early Design)
 - Looking at plans to completely renovate these parks to better serve the community including swimming facilities, turf, sports fields, etc.
 - Los Banos Splash Playground Project (In Early Design)
 - No standing water splash playground. Water jets, water features, picnic areas, restrooms.
- Public Comment on this Item:
 - Mr. Will Rehling
 - Commented positively on large list of projects.
 - Expressed that these larger projects are all going through City plan check and that this process should be trusted. City Building and Safety has multiple Certified Access Specialists reviewing plans.
 - Commented on how he feels there is a need for improvement on smaller projects not going through the permit process. Would like to better understand what triggers the need for a City and/or Parks & Rec project to go through permitting.
 - Referenced a couple projects that he feels may not have got a permit including the Shoreline Park Playground renovation and the Carousel House Renovation.
 - Nick Koonce
 - Expressed appreciation of all the upcoming large projects
 - Expressed area of concern with accessibility in Parks restrooms such as Shoreline Park and Mackenzie Park and hopes that restrooms are included during park upgrade projects.
 - Asked if the restroom at Mackenzie Park will be upgraded during the Off Leash Dog Park Project.
 - George Thomson confirmed that as of now the Mackenzie Park will not be upgraded as a part of this project.
 - Bob Burnham
 - Asked a question about the status of the Mackenzie Adult Building
 - George Thomson responded that this building is being used and available to the public as a rentable event space. No long term plan to further renovate the facility.
 - Asked a question about Pershing Park and how the City could be involved in improving the facilities for the Foresters baseball. How does the City College, the City, and the Foresters share this space.
 - Nick Koonce
 - Commented on the possibility of pursuing partial compliance to improve parks restrooms without bringing them to full compliance. Making incremental upgrades. Discussed options of reconfiguring restrooms including unisex and laying out restrooms in different ways.
 - Jim Marston
 - Questioned why some projects come to the Committee and why some are not?
 - George Thomson responded that they try to bring as much to the committee as possible but seek out input on what projects the Committee can add the most value.

7. PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UPDATE:

- Derrick Bailey, City of Santa Barbara Principal Traffic Engineer
 - Presenting on intersection improvement project at State and Alamar
 - Had some additional funds at end of last fiscal year which could be used for this project
- Erica Madgrigal, City of Santa Barbara Project Engineer
 - Project to greatly improve pedestrian safety at State and Alamar intersection. Improvements include:

- Adding countdown timers to intersection crossings
 - Reducing the overall length of the pedestrian crosswalks to minimize time required in the intersection.
 - Improving visibility by relocating utility cabinets and obstructions
 - Reconfiguring sidewalk ramps to line up with the crosswalks and provide a safer easier to use entry and exit into the crosswalks
 - Install additional street lights to improve lighting on pedestrian ramps and crosswalks
 - Creating new directional ADA ramps and landings at each corner with useable and accessible traffic control buttons
 - Accessible pedestrian signals
- Questions
 - Bob Burnham
 - The existing lighting is poor at one of the bus stops. Would the proposed lighting improvements help this situation?
 - Erica Madrigal response: Overall lighting should be improved with this project
 - What is the timeline of this project?
 - Erica Madrigal response: Planned for bid/construction in Spring 2019 and aim to complete by Summer 2019.
- Public Comment on this Item:
 - Mr. Will Rehling
 - Question on utility box placement. Who owns these and how are they placed?
 - City Response: This particular utility box is a streetlight box but there are Edison meter pedestals throughout the city often located in sidewalks.

8. ENGINEERING PROJECT UPDATE:

- Ashleigh Shue, City of Santa Barbara Streets Supervising Engineer
 - Projects that include pedestrian improvements
 - 10 access ramps in the Laguna neighborhood near Santa Barbara Junior High (completed)
 - Lower Milpas Pedestrian Improvement Project is nearing completion which included new sidewalk near Tri County Produce
 - Montecito Street Bridge Project is underway. Sidewalks being installed on north side of Salinas street.
 - Fiscal Year 2018 Pavement Grind and Overlay project includes a number of ramp improvements throughout the city.
 - Upcoming projects
 - Railroad crossing at State Street Improvements
 - Several highway safety improvement projects
 - Crossing improvement at Alamar and Cuesta Del Sol including flashing beacons
 - Intersection improvement project at Carpinteria and Voluntario
 - Sidewalk infill on Old Coast Highway near Municipal Tennis Court
 - North La Cumbre sidewalk infill project
 - Fiscal Year 2019 slurry seal and overlay contract will result in over 100 new ramps throughout the City
 - City will be voluntarily retrofitting ramps during slurry seal projects.
 - 15 new access ramps in the Oak Park area
- Questions/Comments
 - Bob Burnham
 - Expressed appreciation of the flashing beacons at crosswalks and expressed how effective they are.
 - Jim Marston
 - Asked for clarification on using two directional ramps if at all possible as opposed to single diagonal ramp?
 - Ashleigh Shue Response: Try to install directional ramps unless there are physical limitations that prevent it.
- Public Comment on this Item:

- Mr. Will Rehling
 - Question if available funding mentioned was SB1 funds or can you elaborate on funding sources?
 - Ashleigh Shue Response: There are a number of funding sources and SB1 is one of those sources. Additionally receive Federal Grants and a number of other federal and state grants. Also, local Measure C funds for street work.
 - Commented on the fact that grind an overlay triggers the need for sidewalk and ramp improvements but basic slurry seal does not. City is voluntarily completing sidewalk and ramp improvement during slurry seal improvements.
 - Commented on ensuring the committee is involved in long range planning to help direct future funding and prioritization of accessibility projects.

9. SANTA BARBARA ACCESSIBLE PARKING GUIDE UPDATE:

- Nick Koonce, Access Advisory Committee Vice-Chair
 - Presenting on existing Accessible Parking Guideline
 - Expressed interest in making significant changes to existing Parking Guideline
 - Focus on where you CAN park
 - Change layout to make it more simplified and less cluttered
 - Remove some of the unnecessary information
 - Correct ablest language
 - Refer directly to codes and ordinances within the parking document
 - Feels that the document will mainly live online so proposed hyperlinks
 - Nick Koonce provided a draft focusing on content. Does not yet have a layout but suggested using something similar to the Committee Agenda template.
 - Looking for feedback from committee.
 - City Staff wants to make sure that document is correct and is weary about using it as an enforcement tool as opposed to a parking guideline.
- Waterfront Parking
 - Nick Koonce brought up specific concerns with the Waterfront Parking lot and how to make sure the proper process ends up on the Parking Guideline Document
 - Committee asked a question as to why Harbor Parking lot and Downtown Parking lot is run differently.
 - Nick Koonce questioned if the parking kiosks are in essence “meters” and should parking potentially be free with placards. This is likely a bigger than local question beyond the level of the ordinance but worth exploring.
- City staff will review content created by Nick Koonce and identify any initial concerns and bring any edits back to the Committee.
- Jacob Lesner-Buxton
 - Look into include this or getting it presented as a Public Service Announcement
 - Include the fines and enforcement repercussions on the Parking Guideline as a deterrent
- Public Comment on this Item:
 - Brian Hollander, ILRC Program Manager
 - Ensure information is actionable
 - Look into technology based options such as an app
 - Janice Rodriguez
 - Commented that she uses the existing Parking Guide and likes having the section on where not to park. Keeps it in her car and uses it regularly.
 - Agrees with changes to remove ablest language
 - Referenced an existing app to take pictures of accessibility violations but found in her experience it was a little too confrontational.
 - She also likes the look of it. Feels it’s more approachable.
 - Nick Koonce referenced accessibility enforcement apps and promoted the use as a data gathering effort.
- Jacob Lesner-Buxton
 - Would like to get some additional information on a future meeting regarding SBPD parking enforcement prioritization. This was agreed upon by the Committee. City staff will

work with SBPD to see if they are willing to speak to the Committee on an upcoming agenda to specifically discuss prioritization.

- Nick Koonce
 - Had a question regarding any material produced by Committee members. Is there any obligation to keep it private or can it be shared? City Response was that any personally created work can be shared freely.
- Jim Marston
 - Questioned the Committee if they received or were able to access the Access Advisory Committee survey as some members haven't responded. Jim will follow up with members to get survey accessible.

10. ADJOURNMENT

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 9, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

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