



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING

Friday, November 9, 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
Jacob Lesner-Buxton	Present
Robert Burnham	Absent
Vacancy (2)	

City Staff

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

Invited Speakers

Mike Wiltshire, Facilities & Energy Manager
LT Josh Morton, Santa Barbara Police Department

Proposed Future Agenda Items:

- Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD) Parking Enforcement
- Valet Parking Ordinance Update
- Parks & Rec Adaptive Recreation Program
- City TV Accessibility Features
- Review of Annual Report to Council
- Regular update on Transition Plan

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Nancy Caponi – Downtown Resident
 - Expressed concern with the increasing loss/removal of accessible parking spaces. Referenced the Cota street bike lane as a source of removing general and accessible parking spaces. Asked the reason for the removal of an accessible parking space on Canon Perdido and Chapala.
 - Expressed concern with accessibility to public events such as De La Guerra Plaza and the Courthouse Sunken Gardens. Cited a couple of examples where police or other City entities had blocked off accessible paths of travel to these locations during events.
- Mr. Will Rehling – Accessible Santa Barbara
 - Referenced that some Cities have formal blue curb parking programs. Long Beach and Los Angeles are working on a more formal blue curb program. Could be something that Santa Barbara could implement.
 - Suggested agendaizing the Parks and Rec Adaptive Recreation Program as an informational update on a great program within the City.

- Informational update on recent court ruling on ADA Title 2 hearing in City of San Francisco. Main point was that any public facility built or renovated after 1992 must be, in itself, accessible within 1992 ADA standards.
- Mr. Roy Harthorn – Resident
 - Expressed concern with ADA compliance with Mackenzie Park Dog Park project along with past Mackenzie Park projects. Feels entire site needs to be brought into compliance and feels this was overlooked with past projects and potentially the upcoming Mackenzie Dog Park Project. Made a suggestion that this could be a joint funded responsibility between City, Old Spanish Days, Lawn Bowling, and Pony Baseball. Concern was expressed with needing to make the existing restrooms accessible.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & DISCUSSION OF PENDING ITEMS

a) Approval of Minutes

- August 17, 2018 regular meeting minutes – APPROVED
 - Motion by Nick Koonce, Seconded by Barbara Silver. Minutes approved unanimously.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS & STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Staff Announcements:
 - SBPD will be unable to make it to speak on Item 9 accessible parking enforcement due to recent events in Thousand Oaks and Ventura. SBPD sent a number of officers under mutual aid to support.
 - Final council interviews for Committee Recruiting process are Nov 14 @ 4:00pm, Nov 21 @ 4:00pm, and Dec 5 @ 6:00pm. There are three applications for Access Advisory Committee. Nick Koonce asked if there is any way for the current Access Advisory Committee to meet or review applicants prior to Council decision. City staff will look into it but feels the applicant selection process is ultimately up to Council.
- Committee Member Reports:
 - Accessible Parking Guide
 - Nick Koonce –
 - Mike and Nick have worked on a revised draft parking guide. Updated language. Still in graphic format.
 - Mike to send out revised draft parking guide to Committee for review and feedback. *(Sent out to Committee on Nov 12, 2018)*
 - Barbara Silver input that she would like to see both written text style and graphical style of parking guide.
 - Sidewalk Sub-Committee
 - Jim Marston –
 - Upcoming meeting in December
 - Working with City on new permeable material to fill tree wells and remove tripping hazards. Test sites seems to be doing well.
 - Valet Parking
 - Jim Marston –
 - Continuing to work with City and Valet Sub-Committee on possible ordinance.
 - Downtown Parking has been meeting with various entities in an attempt to ensure this process is done properly.
 - Plan is to for Downtown Parking to meet with Valet Sub-Committee prior to bringing a revised ordinance back to the Access Advisory Committee.
 - Design for curb cuts and tactile domes
 - Jim Marston –
 - Working with City Engineer Brian D'Amour on standards for curb cuts and tactile warnings.
 - Many existing grey tactile domes which may be a result of terra cotta domes fading. City has contacted supplier who will paint and seal them in hopes of correcting this issue.
 - Access Advisory Committee internal survey
 - Survey was sent out to Access Advisory Committee members. Results were reviewed by Jim Marston

- Attract and Increase Public Participation
 - This topic received the worst ranking and the Committee discussed options and ways to raise public awareness and get more participation with the AAC. Methods to increase awareness: print media, attending planning and HLC meetings, staggered meeting times, public service announcements, local media updates, social media, town hall/open house, local accessibility groups, off-site meetings (braille institute). Jacob Lesner Buxton to start working on this topic.
- Top Accessibility Issues Within the City
 - Wheelchair access, lack of accessible bathrooms, staff attitudes, notification other than print for events, improved access to local tv stations, improved access to City websites, regular updates to Transition Plan, improved accessible parking program and enforcement, inconsistent curb cuts and tactile warnings, too much work occurring without a permit.
 - Committee is looking for direction on improving these issues.
 - City will look into this list and work with Committee to prioritize and identify means and methods to addressing these issues.
 - Mike will work with different City groups to individually agendaize some of these topics.
- What Content Should be Added to AAC Website
 - Links to pertinent documents and orientation material.
 - More links on other City sites to the Access Advisory page
 - Better information for residents and visitors about accessibility issues and resources.
- What Items Would You Like to See on Future Agendas
 - Access for those with hidden disabilities (mental health)
 - Committee site visits to disability non-profits
 - More interaction with projects currently in process
 - Elevating AAC to credible stake-holders in project process
 - Revisions to current AAC Resolution
 - Sharing of any public comments received by staff regarding accessibility issues.
 - Periodic updates on the Transition Plan
- New Police Building Meetings
 - Jacob Lesner Buxton mentioned he attended town hall meetings for new site locations for proposed Police Building and encouraged members to also attend future meetings as this is a large project and will have public impacts.

6. ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

- Barbara Silver, Access Advisory Committee Member
 - Led discussion on Annual Report to Council and gave suggestions for future report to Council. Summarized a list of all the things the AAC works on and departments that we work with. Urged members to work with Mike to ensure that any highlights or information is included in the Annual Report to Council. Bring specific requests to Mike to include in presentation.
 - Mike will create draft for revised presentation to Council and send out to group for review prior to February meeting. This process will lead to a revised presentation to Council to be reviewed by Committee in February.
 - Last year's Report to Council is available online.
- Public Comment on this Item:
 - Mr. Will Rehling-
 - Note to give Council Liaison, Jason Dominguez some input on this annual report to Council ahead of time. Jason Dominguez is on Committee email distribution list.

- Be sure to include accessibility advocacy in the annual report in the context of business related and vacancy issues in Santa Barbara. Concerned that there is an issue with permitting process and views towards accessibility requirements as a hindrance to business.

8. ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE:

- Mike Wiltshire, City of Santa Barbara Facilities & Energy Manager, ADA Coordinator
 - Presented on ADA Transition Plan and projects within City Buildings
 - Presentation available on AAC website
 - ADA Funding for City Facilities – Historically received \$100k/yr. for ADA Transition Plan which has been increased to \$250k/yr. for FY20 and beyond.
 - Funding specifically for City General Fund building accessibility projects
 - Projects are completed using current code as opposed to code when the Transition Plan was completed.
 - ADA Project Prioritization
 - Gilda Puentes ADA Transition Plan Update Report
 - Work with AAC to prioritize
 - Couple with other Capital Projects to improve economies of scale
 - Past Projects
 - Central Library South Entrance
 - Parks & Rec Admin Access Ramp
 - Cabrillo Ballfield Pathway and Restroom
 - Carousel Building Access Upgrades
 - Central Library Elevator Design
 - Mackenzie Dog Park Paths of Travel
 - Gebhard Parking Lot
 - Future Projects
 - Mackenzie Park Restroom
 - City Hall Elevator
 - Parks & Rec Paths of Travel
- Discussion on Mackenzie restroom and projects
 - Much concern from the Committee about lack of accessibility upgrades at Mackenzie Park with previous Capital Projects. Pushing for ensuring Mackenzie restroom is upgraded and made compliant ASAP. Brought up again to potentially ask Fiesta for funding in support of accessibility upgrades.
- Tracking of Transition Plan
 - Committee expressed interest in regular updates on the progress of the Transition Plan. This could be in the form of meeting updates or available regularly updated documentation.
- Public Comment on this Item:
 - Mr. Will Rehling –
 - Weighed in on Mackenzie Park discussion with respect to ADA requirements versus California Building Code requirements. Building permit for Mackenzie Dog Park will not be issued until it meets California Building Code and/or is approved by the Chief Building Official. Offered some potential scenarios to get Dog Park and bathroom.
 - Pointed out that there are both General Fund and Enterprise Fund operations and both are completing accessibility upgrade projects.
 - When the City completes a large Capital Project at a building it often takes care of all accessibility requirements for that building in the Transition Plan.

9. SANTA BARBARA POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

- SBPD was unable to send someone to speak on this issue
- Attached to these meeting minutes is a list of questions prepared by the AAC and compiled by City Staff. Answers were provided by SBPD.
- Committee discussed this item internally

- Nick Koonce – What is the path of escalation when things don't happen and looking for clarification on the code enforcement process. Mike suggested another agenda item with City Building Official to discuss code enforcement. City to follow up with further details on Code Enforcement vs. Police Department responsibility. Continued concern with valet operations and private businesses and lack of enforcement.
- Jim Marston – Requesting that SBPD approach City valet operators to ensure they are clear on the laws. Also has some interest in having these responses from PD available in some sort of document to use to help with awareness of these requirements.

10. ADJOURNMENT

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 15, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need auxiliary aids or services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact Access Advisory Committee staff at 564-5583. If possible, notification of at least 72 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

REPORTS: Minutes and agendas are posted online on the [Access Advisory Committee Website](#)

Access Advisory Committee Questions to SBPD on Accessible Parking

1. What is the SBPD procedure for ticketing and towing of violators parking without a valid disability placard at each of the above locations?

While conducting beat enforcement, Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO) will cite any violator's parked in ANY accessible spaces or stalls without accessible plates or placards. Additionally, PEO's respond to calls for service through dispatch or citizen complaints. PEO's enforcing the downtown area will typically go into City parking lots to enforce violations between regular beat enforcement. Unless a call for service through dispatch occurs for private lots we do not enforce.

2. Who besides the Parking Enforcement Officers are tasked to examine vehicles in accessible parking spaces at each of these locations?

Officers can, and do, go into City parking lots and garages while conducting routine enforcement. Usually motorcycle officers frequent the city lots more often than officers in a vehicle. Additionally, officers take calls for service through dispatch if a PEO is unavailable.

3. Does the SBPD require the CBC and CVC required 17" x 22" sign that states that cars will be towed and the contact info for the company before the SBPD will tow that vehicle?

The SBPD does not tow for accessible related parking violations for non-plated or non-placarded vehicles. Vehicles in violation are only cited. Vehicles in violation in private lots will only be cited through a call for service through dispatch.

4. Some private lot operators use their accessible spaces for vehicles without a valid placard. What is the recourse in this situation? Is this enforceable?

It is illegal to block any part of an accessible stall whether it be the space itself or cross hatches/ramp or loading area. All violations of this nature are citable whether found by a PEO, officer, or called into dispatch.

5. What is the recommended course of action when a member of the community finds repeat violations, mainly in private parking lots? There have been issues in the past getting traction or response with specific violation sites.

It is best to call the non-emergency dispatch as soon as the violation is noticed for best chance of a timely response. Dispatch will notify a PEO or motorcycle officer who is free at the time and send them to the location of the violation.

6. Is there any progress with SBPD putting together programs that would help with parking enforcement and may assist in parking enforcement response time?

At the current time no other members of the SBPD can issue citations for accessible parking violations other than PEO's and Officers. However, work is currently being done on this issue and teams like the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) and downtown volunteers may be able to issue those citations in the future.

7. Can SBPD provide an update on how many citations for 22507.8(a) & (b) of the California vehicle code have been issued in the past two years?

Citations for 22507.8 CVC

YEAR	# OF CITATIONS	\$ CITED
2016	110	\$37,945.00
2017	384	\$132,592.00
2018 (To Date)	231	\$79,768.00

8. Can a business owner restrict access to ADA parking spaces in private lots for customers only?

A lot accepting customers or public entrance to a business then becomes public and cannot restrict accessible spaces for customers/employees only.

9. Considering violation of CVC 22507.8 (b), where the violation is not necessarily tied to a vehicle, how would law enforcement determine the responsible party? (i.e ADA parking space being used for storage or placement of material, equipment, etc.)

The Owner of the business allowing material or other equipment to block an accessible space is in violation and would have to be reported to the City of Santa Barbara's Community Development Code Enforcement.

10. A business contracts with a valet operator to provide parking services in a private parking lot. The property owner permits the valet operator to implement a practice of physically barring access to the parking lot via cones or chains. Who is in violation of CVC 22507.8 (b), the property owner, or the valet operator or the parking attendant?

Again, this would be a zoning issue through the City of Santa Barbara's Community Development Code Enforcement.

11. A business contracts with a valet operator to provide parking services in a private parking lot. The property owner permits the valet operator to park vehicle, without ADA Parking plate or placard in an ADA parking space. Should the vehicle be cited for CVC 22507.8 (a), the operator and or business owner cited for CVC 22507.8 (b), or both.

The vehicle in this instance would/should be cited and owner of vehicle would then take matter up with the valet service responsible for parking the vehicle in an accessible spot.

Helpful Contact Information:

Non-Emergency Dispatch number (805) 882-8900

Santa Barbara Community Development Code Enforcement (805) 897-2676

Santa Barbara Zoning Information (805) 564-5470 or (805) 564-5578