



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, March 15, 2019
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 (Arrived at 9:45)
Robert Burnham	Present
Janice Rodriguez	Present
Susanne Tejada	Present

City Staff

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

Invited Speakers

Lieutenant Aaron Baker, Santa Barbara Police Department (Item 6)
Ashleigh Shue, Supervising Engineer, Public Works Department (Item 8)
Julie Thomas, Recreation Coordinator, Parks & Rec Department (Item 9)
Mike Wiltshire, Facilities & Energy Manager, Public Works Department (Item 10)

Proposed Future Agenda Items:

- Valet Parking Ordinance Update
- City Blue Curb parking update
- City TV Accessibility Features
- Regular update on Transition Plan
- De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Project

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Meagan Harmon, Councilmember – Council Liaison to AAC
 - Expressed her excitement to be the new Council Liaison for Access Advisory Committee and urged Committee members to reach out if they have any needs. Conveyed her feelings that accessibility and the work done by the Committee is extremely important for the community.
- Suzanne Elledge – Speaking on De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Project
 - Reaching out to the AAC early in the process with regards to the De La Guerra Plaza project. There will be many additional opportunities for the AAC to review the project.
 - Currently very early in the project process focusing on community outreach. City is recommending awarding a contract with a design team on March 26, 2019 who will work with the City through the concept design phase.
 - One of the project objectives is to make De La Guerra Plaza more accessible and to increase accessible parking.

- Staff will agendaize future items as this project progresses.
- Information on this project is available on the City website:
<https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/pw/engineering/publicimprovements/dlgplaza/default.asp>
- Mr. Will Rehling – Accessible Santa Barbara
 - Discussed his role with his non-profit Accessible Santa Barbara and advocating for accessibility in Santa Barbara.
 - Discussed basics of ADA Title 2 and the City's approach to dealing with ADA deficiencies
 - Discussed the need for a City Blue Curb program and a process for adding and/or removing blue curb parking throughout City. Referenced other City's approach to blue curb parking.

MOTION (Nick Koonce): Create Ad-Hoc Committee to Review/Research Blue Curb

- Nick Koonce
- Janice Rodriguez
- Jacob Lesner Buxton

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & DISCUSSION OF PENDING ITEMS

a) Approval of Minutes

- November 9, 2018 regular meeting minutes – APPROVED
 - Meeting Minute Clarifications
 - Don't show Vacant positions as Absent
 - Don't list SBPD speaker as Absent
 - Continue process of tracking Proposed Future Agenda Items

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS & STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Committee Member Reports:
 - Welcome two new Committee Members
 - Susanne Tejada
 - Local Architect, grew up in Goleta, excited to be a member of the committee.
 - Janice Rodriguez
 - Works with Housing Authority, lived in Santa Barbara for 8 years. Happy and excited to be on the committee to learn more and promote accessibility in Santa Barbara.
 - Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
 - Committee unanimously agreed to have Chair Jim Marston and Vice Chair Nick Koonce continue for another term.
 - Accessible Parking Guide
 - Nick Koonce –
 - Two working drafts
 - Text type document
 - More readable
 - Contains more authority
 - Color brochure graphic version
 - Had some support
 - Draft currently posted on AAC website
 - Nick to complete Waterfront section
 - Nick to include SBPD feedback into draft
 - Nick would like confirmation that the private parking lot section is covered under Municipal Code as opposed to Vehicle Code. Wants to ensure correct code reference is available on parking guide. City Staff will follow up on code specifications.
 - Nick would like to see links in the Oversized Vehicle section to provide links to ordinance and other relevant information.
 - Nick would like to add Public Parking lot portion to parking guide.

- Mike Wiltshire -
 - Staff has worked with Nick Koonce on a draft copy of the graphic style parking guide which is available on the AAC website. Staff would like to see a single version (graphic or text) to avoid any confusion.
 - Staff to send out both text and graphic style parking guides so the committee can make a decision on which one to post.
- Funk Zone Action Plan –
 - Nick Koonce –
 - Concerns with plan as proposed specifically with the Luke parking machines, shared mobility zones, and loading zones.
 - Planning to go to Council April 23, 2019

MOTION (Nick Koonce), SECOND (Bob Burnham), Unanimous approval – Committee recommend to Council that the Funk Zone Action Plan be reviewed by AAC prior to Council vote.

- Councilmember Meagan Harmon was present for this discussion.
- Staff will relay these concerns to Public Works Downtown Parking and the Funk Zone Action Plan project staff
- Staff recommended that members from the AAC attend Council for Public Comment on any items of interest.
- Nick Koonce felt it would be better and carry more weight to have the organized support of the Committee. Additionally, it would take less effort than having all members attend Council individually for public comment which can be difficult to schedule.
- 630 Garden / Gebhard Bathroom Door Issue
 - Nick Koonce –
 - Thanked City staff for addressing ADA issue with bathroom doors outside Gebhard Room. Improved on a strike side latch issue and made the doors more accessible.
- Event – How to Make Meetings & Events More Accessible
 - Jacob Lesner-Buxton –
 - May 6, 2019 10:00am to 12:00pm at Dick DeWees Center in Lompoc
 - City Staff to forward details to Committee
- Sidewalk Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Report
 - Bob Burnham -
 - Discussed a number of improvement action items came out of last meeting related to safer pedestrian travel.
 - Bob suggested there may be meeting minutes available for sidewalk ad-hoc committee meeting.
 - Nick Koonce –
 - Discussed how he had sent information to sidewalk ad-hoc committee on potential areas for infill and improvement around existing blue curb parking spaces and hadn't heard a response.
 - Bob Burnham -
 - Ad hoc committee has not yet reviewed blue curb improvements provided by Nick Koonce.
 - Jim Marston –
 - City has agreed to fill in a parkway with concrete near Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) which will provide much improved path of travel as existing space is dirt/mud.
 - Sidewalk Ad-hoc committee has an opening. Looking for one additional committee member.
- Detectable Warnings
 - Jim Marston –
 - Discussed desire for more uniformity going forward with detectable warnings in the Right of Way and on private parcels.

- Discussed interpretation that new California Building Code covers pedestrian crossings.
- Looking for an answer from the City on which code standard will be followed for detectable warnings going forward.
- Discussed issue of recently installed terra cotta domes turning black which is problematic. Feels this should be a contractor responsibility to repair.
- Valet Parking Sub-Committee
 - Jim Marston –
 - Discussed process of sub-committee providing input to Valet Ordinance
 - Expressed concern that the latest revised ordinance is dramatically different than previous versions and removed the majority of the references to ADA.
 - Provided a list of specific questions regarding the valet ordinance and has yet to receive a response.
 - Nick Koonce –
 - Expressed concern with City changing approach on Valet Ordinance and no longer considering Valet Parking as a Title 2 program.
 - Barbara Silver –
 - Has requested a Certified Access Specialist (CASp) to be present to weigh in on valet ordinance and the City has not provided a CASp to date.
 - City's Assistant Attorney got involved at the latest valet ordinance ad-hoc meeting. Barbara felt that the Assistant Attorney unfairly dismissed the AAC's concerns.

6. SANTA BARBARA POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

- Lieutenant Aaron Baker, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD)
 - Been with SBPD for 24-years, currently assigned to neighborhood policing, works in Patrol Division which deals with traffic and parking enforcement issues.
 - Clarified that the original list of answers provided at the November 9, 2018 meeting was completed by Lieutenant Josh Morton. Lieutenant Baker confirmed that he agrees with the responses provided by SBPD and can answer any additional questions.
 - Staff confirmed the documented list of questions and answers is available as an attachment to the November 9, 2018 meeting minutes.
- Jim Marston –
 - Main concern is with enforcement of ADA parking violations. Even if SBPD is called they often don't show up in time to ticket or enforce. Looking for a solution that works for ADA parking enforcement.
 - Referenced specific areas including Indigo Hotel, lower State Street, and Helena Street.
- Lieutenant Aaron Baker –
 - Calling 911 or the non-emergency SBPD number will get your issue into the queue. There is a prioritization of calls based on current conditions and other issues throughout the City. SBPD is aware that response time to parking violations may not be as quick as you'd like.
 - Since the time when the original question and answer document was created the Chief of Police has received approval to deputize additional City staff and volunteers to write citations. This will amount to an additional 20 – 30 people who are able to enforce parking violations. Additionally, SBPD now has a fully staffed parking enforcement detail. These things should lead to improved response time and enforcement of parking violations. All requests from the public should still go through SBPD dispatch using 911 or the non-emergency number as opposed to contacting parking enforcement staff and volunteers directly.
 - SBPD is still working through issues with policing the Funk Zone and working to make this process better.
 - Lieutenant Baker is open to being contacted directly with concerns and issues from the Committee and he will work to find some resolution.

- Nick Koonce –
 - Looking for a way to enforce on-going, repeat, issues with ADA parking violations.
 - Would like to work to find a way to resolve a continual issue with ADA parking violations at the Indigo Hotel on Lower State Street.
 - Would like to be able to get on-going problem sites such as Indigo Hotel on SBPD's radar
- Lieutenant Aaron Baker –
 - With involvement with neighborhood policing Lieutenant Baker would appreciate the opportunity to help with these on-going issues and suggests contacting him directly to identify such issues. Very on-board with using warnings and/or citations with the goal of changing behavior.
 - Agreed to receive a list of problem areas so that SBPD can begin to work on a solution.
- Jim Marston –
 - Concerned with level of training or awareness of those deputized to write citations. Wants to ensure they are aware that violations can be cited even in private lots. Committee members have had historic issues with this type of misunderstanding.
 - Online Citizen Police Reporting System. Would this be a good avenue for reporting ADA violations?
- Lieutenant Aaron Baker –
 - SBPD and Staff feel that the Online Citizen Reporting System would not be the best avenue for reporting ADA parking violations as there is a huge volume of requests that come through that web service which may result in additional delays.
 - Confirmed that all volunteers and deputized staff prior to being able to write citations must attend required training.
- Jacob Lesner Buxton –
 - Asking SBPD to have new recruits come to the Independent Living Resource Center
 - SBPD will contact Jacob Lesner Buxton to setup a workshop for new recruits to come to Independent Living Resource Center.
- Public Comment – Mr. Will Rehling
 - Concerned with signs, cones, etc. blocking sidewalks, and bike lanes. Is this a citable offense? SBPD confirmed that yes, you cannot obstruct the flow of traffic or pedestrian traffic.
 - Spoke on a couple specific incidents of impeding bike lanes, sidewalks, etc. and his experience contacting SBPD.
 - Reiterating interest in additional parking enforcement staff

8. PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING PROJECT UPDATE

- Ashleigh Shue, Supervising Engineer, Public Works Department
 - Projects In Construction
 - Intersection of Carpinteria & Voluntario
 - Curb extensions, pedestrian lighting
 - Safe Routes to School project
 - Slurry Seal, Concrete, and Access Ramps
 - 40+ Access ramps being installed throughout City in advance of slurry seal work
 - Slurry seal work set to start in April 2019
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Access Ramp
 - Access ramp installation in the Oak Park neighborhood
 - Future Projects
 - Pavement Maintenance Grind and Overlay
 - Include roughly 60 access ramps throughout the City
 - Work to begin Summer 2019
 - Citywide but includes Mission St from 101 to Mission
 - Crosswalk Enhancement Projects
 - Alamar & Puesta Del Sol (Summer 2019)
 - State & Alamar (Summer 2019)
 - Carrillo & San Andres (Winter 2019)
 - Las Positas & Modoc Multimode Path Project

- Currently at 90 percent design
 - Construction early 2020
 - 1-year construction period
 - Transit Center Chapala & Figueroa
 - Planned as part of 2020 grind and overlay project
 - In construction potentially Summer 2020
- Jacob Lesner Buxton –
 - Concerned with general drainage system in Santa Barbara and particularly near his apartment building (Richmond & Broadmoor). Gave examples of sidewalks and streets not draining.
- Ashleigh Shue –
 - City is currently doing a drainage assessment of critical areas
 - Streets are designed to take water and runoff as a part of the drainage system.
 - Drainage system is old and installed when there wasn't as much development.
 - Made a note of the Richmond & Broadmoor location with regards to ponding water to see if there is something that can be done.
- Jim Marston –
 - Confirming about Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program grants. City applies for grants and this is Federal money
 - Additional grant funded projects like Safe Routes to School
 - How are these grants selected and applied for?
 - How is the Neighborhood Advisory Committee involved in the grant process?
- Ashleigh Shue –
 - Public Works identifies candidate projects that meet grant requirements and apply for those that they feel would have a high success rate.
 - Active Transportation Grant program has been used for infill projects successfully.
 - Neighborhood Advisory Committee provides recommendations to City staff who try and work with the Committee and match up priorities when possible.
- Nick Koonce –
 - What is best way to have AAC needs heard with respect to Public Works projects
 - Would like to weigh in on project prioritization
 - Interested in process to getting crossing lights installed at Puesta Del Sol
- Ashleigh Shue –
 - The sidewalk ad-hoc committee has been a great tool for bringing AAC priorities to the Public Works Department.
 - Process for selecting intersection safety improvements are very data driven which is a requirement to be grant funded.
 - City has applied for crosswalk enhancements for Foothill and Calle Laureles and will hear back shortly on grant options.
 - Sometimes there is a delay on traffic incident data used to prioritize crosswalk improvement projects.
- Sidewalk Ad-Hoc Committee
 - Nick Koonce agreed to join the Sidewalk Ad-Hoc committee

9. PARKS & RECREATION ADAPTIVE RECREATION PROGRAM DISCUSSION

- Julie Thomas, Recreation Coordinator, Parks & Rec Department
 - City Inclusionary Programs & Events
 - Spring Fling Dance
 - Dinner & Dancing (\$10)
 - Partner with Kiwanis Aktion Club & Culinary Arts Program
 - Los Angeles Dodgers Excursion
 - Organized transportation & game tickets
 - Two wheelchair accessible seats available on the bus
 - Limited attendance

- Participants can provide their own transportation and join the group with advanced notice.
- Inclusive Yoga at Carrillo Recreation Center
 - Held on Wednesday's and Thursday's
- Monthly Bowling at Zodo's
 - \$15 for lunch, two games, and shoes
 - Bob Burnham suggested a portable guide rail for visual impaired bowlers and recommended to talk to Braille Institute for this.
- Shake Rattle & Roll Class
 - Held at Carrillo Recreation Center
- Thanksgiving Luncheon
 - Served the day before Thanksgiving
 - Held at Carrillo Recreation Center
 - Partner with Kiwanis
 - Typically 200+ participants
- Inclusion Services
 - Moving away from special programs into more inclusive recreational experiences and programs.
 - Provide same opportunities and programs to all people
 - Register for these programs using the same process as every other program and can indicate if they require special services
 - Only provide the necessary support needed for individual to be successful.
 - Largest population of Inclusion Services users have developmental disabilities. Deal with each person on a case by case basis.
 - Reaching out to AAC to help promote these services, attend programs, and provide any possible assistance with fund raising or donation efforts.
 - Nick Koonce recommended contacting Kelly Johnson at Yardi Systems as a potential source for donations.
 - City does apply for grants for these programs but staffing is limited to support grant application process.
 - No age limits or other limitations for inclusionary programs.
 - Barbara Silver asked a question about the safety of the program as there may have been some issues with this in the past.
 - Volunteers and inclusion specialist are interviewed and vetted prior to working.
 - Inclusion Specialists are a paid position
- Public Comment – Mr. Will Rehling
 - Convey his support of program and Ms. Julie Thomas.
 - Truly is an amazing unsung hero with the City.

10. UPDATE ON ANNUAL ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

- Mike Wiltshire, Facilities & Energy Manager, Public Works Department
 - Provided an overview of the 2019 Annual Presentation to Council
 - Update to Council encompasses achievements in 2018
 - Provide an outline of Access Advisory Committee with history and general roles.
 - Draft presentation will be emailed out to Committee for review and comment
 - Recent achievements
 - Filled two vacant positions
 - P&R Capital Projects Updates
 - Public Works Capital Project Updates
 - Accessible Communication During Emergencies
 - Tactile Warnings and Truncated Domes
 - Accessible Parking and Enforcement
 - Future Goals and Objectives

- Revise AAC resolution
- Continue to weigh in on City projects
- Suggested by Nick Koonce to see Blue Curb on Future Goals
- Suggested by Nick Koonce to capture short comings and issues
- Suggested by Jim Marston to capture Valet Parking Ordinance work
- Suggested by Jim Marston to include sub-committees
- Plan is for the Committee to provide feedback on draft presentation and make suggestions.
- Aiming for May 21, 2019 for presentation to Council

11. ADJOURNMENT

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 10, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

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