



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

Friday, May 10, 2019
9:30am – 11:30am
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden St.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Marston called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members

James Marston, Chair	Present
Nick Koonce, Vice Chair	Present
Susanne Tejada	Present
Janice Rodriguez	Present
Robert Burnham	Present
Barbara Silver	Present
Jacob Lesner-Buxton	Present (Arrived at 9:45)

City Staff

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

Invited Speakers

Tony Ruggieri, City TV Production Supervisor (Item 7)
Victor Garza, Downtown Parking & Plaza Manager (Item 9)
Mike Wiltshire, Facilities & Energy Manager, Public Works Department (Item 6, 10)

Pending Future Agenda Items:

- Valet Parking Ordinance Update
- Regular update on Transition Plan
- De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Project
- Mission Creek Bridge Project
- Arroyo Burro Open Space Project Update

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tom Jacobs, Local Architect
 - Provided information on Mission Creek Bridge Project
 - For additional information
 - www.missioncanyonbridge.com
 - <http://www.missionheritagetrailassociation.org/home.html>

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: (Nick Koonce): Defer approval of March 15, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes until further information/clarification is provided by staff.

SECOND (Bob Burnham)

APPROVED (6 for, 0 against)

5. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Goals & Objectives Ad-hoc Committee

- Bob Burnham and Jim Marston will discuss the purview of this ad-hoc committee between May 10, 2019 meeting and August 16, 2019 meeting and determine if it should be dissolved or continued.
- Sidewalk Ad-hoc Committee
 - Upcoming meeting on June 3, 2019 at 1:00pm with Jim Dewey
 - Will be paving a parkway in front of the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC)
 - Reviewed various curb cuts for new pavement replacement projects
- Valet Parking Ad-hoc Committee
 - Met with Downtown Parking and City Attorney and continuing to work out details on Valet Parking Ordinance.
 - There is some progress but also concern that with exceptions that may lead to never being required to make valet/loading zones fully accessible.
 - Working on reasonable accommodations when a fully compliant loading zone is not possible.
- Blue-curb Ad-hoc Committee
 - Nick Koonce identified some possible goals for accessible parking:
 - Clearly define process for requesting accessible parking
 - Define placement and design guidelines
 - Define percentage of on-street parking reserved for accessible parking
 - Protect current stock of existing non-conforming blue curb spaces
 - Commitment to develop new conforming accessible parking
 - Method for managing residential accessible parking
 - Utilize volunteer citizen enforcement of accessible parking violations
 - Request a moratorium on removal of existing blue curb spaces without consent from the Access Advisory Committee
 - Update City web content to clearly define and direct accessible parking

6. BROWN ACT REFRESHER

- Mike Wiltshire, Facilities & Energy Manager
 - Provided a brief refresher and discussion on Brown Act including but not limited to:
 - Noticing of public meetings
 - Agenda titles, descriptions, and content
 - Meeting definitions and examples of meeting violations
 - Ad-hoc committees

7. CITY TELEVISION AND MEDIA ACCESSIBILITY

- Tony Ruggieri, City TV Production Supervisor
 - Efforts and improvement of City TV, media, and City meeting rooms
 - Closed Captioning of City Council Meetings since 2001
 - Live, re-broadcasts, and online
 - Manually entered closed captioning
 - Written transcript of every meeting is recorded and available
 - Potential to setup an additional room for closed captioning
 - Potential to have closed captioning on a tv display or on a scrolling ticker to display closed captioning in Council Chambers during meeting
 - Audio Descriptions
 - Not currently available.
 - Currently use Secondary Audio Programming (SAP) function for Spanish translation
 - Meeting Room Assisted Listening Systems
 - Located in Council Chambers, Gebhard Room, Faulkner Gallery, Airport Conference Room, City of Goleta
 - Can use systems with hearing aid with telecoil (T-Coil) or checkout headsets which are available from staff
 - Staff to include new language on AAC agenda advertising hearing assistance systems available
 - Emergency Coverage

- City TV runs a live text ticker during emergencies

8. ON-STREET BLUE CURB PARKING – For Discussion:

- Victor Garza, Downtown Parking & Plaza Manager
 - Provided update on Downtown Parking's plan to revise blue zone parking policy
 - Downtown Parking assumed responsibility over citywide parking roughly 2 years ago
 - Downtown Parking is looking to work with Access Advisory Committee to help form a blue curb policy and practices moving forward
- Nick Koonce
 - Concern that existing non-conforming blue curb inventory is decreasing. Confirmed this with audit. Main concern is with downtown/commercial blue curb spaces.
 - Concern that a precedent may be set where City doesn't have an obligation to ever make accessible spaces fully compliant.
 - Concerned with blue curbs being unavailable during construction. Provided project examples. City will look into ensuring contractual obligation with contractors to maintain accessibility and parking during construction.
 - Concerned about removal of blue zone on Canon Perdido and Chapala
 - Access Advisory Committee would like to support evaluating blue curb spaces in residential areas
- Susanne Tejada
 - Is the City currently installing blue curbs or just relying on requests in residential areas?
 - City response – the blue curb process and policy is pretty new. Looking for best direction forward and looking for advice from Access Advisory Committee on locating blue curbs.
- Bob Burnham
 - How does City address existing blue curb spaces where access is impeded by obstructions in the parkway near the space?
 - City response – As city is made aware of these issues they will work to relocate to a better location. Aim is to put these in practical locations.
- Nick Koonce
 - Wants to ensure that City is planning for the future and ensuring that there is a plan for new fully accessible blue curb spaces but understands that in some cases there may be significant benefit to relocate existing non-conforming spaces without the requirement of fully compliant physical modifications.
 - Wants to get consistent with nomenclature Accessible Parking Program vs. Accessible Parking Zone
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 - Interested in seeing improved coverage and a focus on blue curbs in the downtown plaza. Every other block going up State Street with a single space serving the four faces of the City block. Committee is open to making some concessions but worried that will never make fully compliant improvements to accessible parking moving forward.
- Jim Marston
 - Flexible with fully compliant spaces in residential areas. Space should be tied to their
 - Residents with existing on-site parking should not be eligible for on-street blue curb
 - Concerned with existing blue curb inventory being reduced and what is the process for these spaces being moved.
 - Interest in compiling a listed inventory to manage and track
 - Interest in defining commercial, residential, and public parking locations and differentiate between these types of locations

9. CITY ACCESSIBLE PARKING GUIDE

- Committee discussed and took action on Accessibility Parking Guidelines that were created by the Committee.

MOTION (Jim Marston): Accept the text version of the Accessible Parking Guide

SECOND (Nick Koonce):

APPROVED (6 for, 0 against)

MOTION (Nick Koonce): Dissolve the Accessible Parking Guide ad-hoc committee

SECOND (Jim Marston):

APPROVED (6 for, 0 against)

10. ADJOURNMENT

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Friday, August 16, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

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