



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

Friday, November 8, 2019

9:30 a.m.

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members

James Marston, Chair	Present
Robert Burnham, Vice Chair	Present
Nick Koonce	Present
Janice Rodriguez	Absent
Barbara Silver	Present
Susanne Tejada	Present

City Staff

Brian D'Amour, City Engineer/ADA Coordinator	Present
Jennifer Sanchez, Administrative Assistant	Present

Invited Speakers

George Thomson, Parks Capital Projects Supervisor (Item 7)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Caponi

- Commented on the lack of accessible parking at the French Festival at Oak Park, and that parking restrictions at the Sunken Gardens during Fiesta eliminated accessible parking

4. ADA COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr. D'Amour presented the ADA Coordinator's Report, which included:

- The purpose of the Access Advisory Committee
- Meeting schedule/how items are placed on the agenda
- The City's Standard Details for construction plans has been updated for full compliance with the California Building Code
- The City will be working to refresh the ADA Transition Plan
- Protruding object issue at Tiny Libraries installation on State Street has been resolved
- Will be checking in regularly for updated numbers on parking enforcement on ADA spaces throughout the City; will provide numbers to the Committee ahead of next meeting
- Will be raising awareness about outdoor dining requirements for accessibility
- Staff is looking at bike share options; accessibility concerns regarding this can be discussed at a future meeting
- A joint Planning Commission and City Council work session on November 14 will review amendments to the Average Unit-Size Density Incentive Program; the Committee is encouraged to read the staff report and attend the meeting

Public comment:

Ray Harthorn

- Commented on the role and activities of the Access Advisory Committee over the years

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Approve the meeting minutes of August 2, 2019 as amended.

Approved (Burnham/Koonce, 5:0:0)

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Sidewalk Ad Hoc Committee

- Reported a brick issue on East Carrillo Street by Montecito Bank & Trust
- Enforcement procedure for reporting accessibility issues with outdoor dining is contacting the ADA Coordinator
- Committee Member Koonce has created a map of blue curb spots with path of travel issues; a list of approximately eight spots has been given to Jim Dewey to pass along to Downtown Parking
- Evaluate if a permanent sidewalk subcommittee should be established
- Recommended that Public Works staff be updated about location of signage on blue curbs; recommended specifications for signage placement

Valet Parking Ad Hoc Committee

- No report; expecting further meeting(s) with City staff

Blue Curb Parking Ad Hoc Committee

- Recommended changing terminology from “blue curbs” to “accessible parking program”

Motion: Dissolve the current Blue Curb Parking Ad Hoc Committee and instate new subcommittee, called the Accessible Parking Initiative Ad Hoc Committee; appoint Barbara Silver as a new member of this committee.

Approved (Burnham/Koonce, 5:0:0)

Chair Marston recognized outgoing Committee Member Barbara Silver for her service.

* The Committee recessed from 10:54 to 11:04 a.m. *

7. MACKENZIE PARK RESTROOM AND BASEBALL ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Thomson provided an update about accessibility elements of the MacKenzie Park renovation related to the restrooms, baseball field, parking, and pathways.

Public comment:

Ray Harthorn

- Emphasized that a pathway from upper-level parking to the lower level of the park remains an important accessibility issue that has not been addressed

Committee comments:

- Concerned about selective enforcement of building code by the phased approach to this project; there are accessibility obligations beyond the restrooms and dugout for full compliance with Title 24 at this facility
- Each City department should have a coordinator for the ADA Transition Plan for a more organized approach

8. ACCESSIBILITY DURING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Mr. D'Amour presented information about accessibility during construction projects and answered questions from the Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Marston adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 14, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street