



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

Friday, February 14, 2020

9:30 am – 11:30 am

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden St.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members

James Marston, Chair	Present
Nick Koonce, Vice Chair	Present
Barbara Silver	Present
Janice Rodriguez	Present
Robert Burnham	Present
Suzanne Tejada	Present
Sean Goral	Present

City Staff

Brian D'Amour, City Engineer, ADA Coordinator	Present
Kim Thaler-Strange, Administrative Specialist	Present

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dani Anderson – Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC)
- Discussed the 30th Anniversary of the ADA. Suggested a 30th Anniversary spotlight. Asked what they can do to work towards more accessibility locally. ILRC is ready to be involved.

4. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- Nick was nominated and declined the position of Committee Chair, but was willing to remain as Vice Chair. Barbara nominated Jim to be Chair. Jim will continue on as AAC Chair, and Bob will be Vice Chair.
- Discussion of how Chair and Vice Chair are selected. It was suggested to send out an email ahead of time to gauge interest in who wants to take those positions.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FOR ACTION

• Approval of Minutes

- November 8, 2019, special meeting minutes – APPROVED with minor edits. Motion by Bob Burnham, Seconded by Barbara Silver. Minutes approved unanimously.
- Jim would like to have the minutes within a few weeks of the meeting, as well as the audio recording.

6. ADA COORDINATOR'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION

- Brian presented the ADA Coordinator's Report and reminded the Committee this is for information.
 - We have an email address for the AAC. Bob would like it publicized. It is already on website. The email address is ADA@SantaBarbaraCA.gov. Committee can distribute as needed. Brian will be able to reply from his work email address.
 - Update on accessibility improvements on Hollister adjacent to Raytheon.
 - Annual Report to Council: Hope to have a draft report to the Committee prior to the presentation of the Annual Report in late summer.
 - Possibility of including in the Resolution the possibly of Council member designated as a liaison to the AAC.
 - An update is planned in Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the ADA Transition Plan. The funding may be available in Fiscal Year 2021, and priorities could be discussed in the May AAC meeting.
 - The Committee would like to see the Transition Plan on a digital platform with items noted as they are completed.
 - Mackenzie Dog Park ADA upgrades have been completed.
 - City Hall Elevator Feasibility Study is done, and the project is in the design phase.
 - Projects at Fire Stations, 3, 4, and 5, and the Eastside Library were completed over the holidays. Chase Palm Park is still in progress.
 - Accessible Parking Enforcement
 - A staff member of the Santa Barbara Police Department will come to the next meeting to discuss accessible parking enforcement.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - FOR INFORMATION

Recommendation: That the Access Advisory Committee receive an update from:

- Blue Curb Parking Ad-Hoc Committee (Koonce, Rodriguez, Tejada)
- Valet Parking Ad-Hoc Committee (Marston, Koonce, Silver)
- Sidewalk Ad-Hoc Committee (Marston, Burnham, Koonce)
- **Blue Curb Parking**
 - Identified readily achievable goals for improving existing information on the City's website.
 - Clearly defined with timelines.
 - Recommended a method for managing residential blue curbs.
 - Concerned about lack of enforcement of ADA parking.
 - Parking guides need to be updated, as does the blue curb map on the City's accessibility website, which would include a parking page.
 - Nick is considering asking Council for a moratorium on blue curb removal and give Downtown Parking a copy of this report for comment.
 - Janice will send the Committee's Valet Parking meeting notes to Brian who will talk with Rob Dayton and Victor Garza to get clarification.
 - Staff to forward Blue Curb Parking Initiative DRAFT to Downtown Parking for comment.
 - Committee may ask Council for a moratorium on blue curb parking removal if staff is unwilling to engage in a related discussion.

- Committee would like to provide suggested changes to the Accessibility webpage content

- **Valet Parking Committee**

- City wants to control valet parking, but there is no consensus on implementation.
- There is a plan to put in loading zones in on every block in the downtown plaza area, which will take away parking spots.
- Valet parking was to send information to the committee; not yet received.

- **Sidewalk Committee**

- Corner of State and Alamar was redesigned with curb cuts for more visibility.
- Issues were fixed at Raytheon when two curb cuts were installed.
- There is a report on ADA compliance for encroachment permits related to outdoor dining. City issues permit for chairs and tables through the Outdoor Dining Program that is managed by the Engineering Division.
- James Dewey is the Streets Operations and Infrastructure Manager, and Committee members may email him at Request@santabarbaraca.gov to report issues related to streets.
- Concern about room in outdoor dining areas. Brian said plans are reviewed, approved and looked at to assure compliance.
- Discussed removing newsstands. Jim will look into those.
- There is a desire by the Committee to review and remove any unnecessary clutter in the Public Right of Way to allow an accessible path of travel in the downtown area.
- ILRC wanted to highlight new improvements; Jim Dewey sent them a press released with will be publicized in the ILRC's newsletter.
- Jim sent an email to Mike Wiltshire regarding the "Little Libraries" and ADA.
- Comment by Will Rehling: Thinks it is great that the Committee works through the subcommittee process and works to connect with City staff.

8. ADA COORDINATOR ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL: - FOR DISCUSSION

- Brian D'Amour presented a report to the Committee about the Annual Report, including the history, recent activities, and continuation of providing accessibility input on Capital Projects. The last Report was presented to Council in July of last year; Mike Wiltshire had discussed revising the Resolution, work on Downtown parking, and path of travel in the right of way. B

9. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT UPDATE – FOR INFORMATION

- Brian gave an update on the Capital Improvement program. Completed projects include:
 - Pavement Maintenance
 - Mission Street
 - La Cumbre Road, Phase 2
 - State/Alamar
 - Las Positas/Modoc Multi Use Pathway
 - State Street Undercrossing
 - Downtown De La Vina Safe Crosswalks
 - Buffered Bike Lanes

10. PRIORITIZATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – FOR ACTION

- Brian presented a list of future agenda items that he has heard about from various members of the Committee as a starting point.
- Committee discussed items for prioritization including:
 - Keep valet parking and status of ongoing projects on agenda.
 - Invitation extended to Santa Barbara Police Department to discuss parking enforcement could happen at the May 8, 2020, Committee meeting.
 - Committee items may time sensitive stamp, so Committee will know when it can still have some input.
 - Input /update on Cabrillo Arts Pavilion Project opening.
 - Nick reminded to add 30th Anniversary of ADA to the list.
 - Resolution needs to be on next AAC agenda.
 - Push on with Blue Curb initiative, and have something sent to Rob Dayton and Victor Garza.
 - Have City web pages regarding blue curb parking updated.
 - Invitation to provide input for the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Project.
 - Brian will try to get agenda out early before the next meeting. If an application due date is before the meeting, a Special Meeting may be called.
 - There was a suggestion for an ad-hoc meeting with staff to look at plans and review them.
 - Public Comment: Will Rehling – supports use of discussion items and brainstorming on potential guests for the meetings.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

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