

City of Santa Barbara

Access Advisory Committee

Action Minutes

Friday, August 19, 2016

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room

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**Committee Member Present:**

Robert Burnham – Chairperson; Karen Johnson; Adelaida Ortega; Barbara Silver; James Marston; Ken McLellan (K. McLellan was unable to participate and vote due to no interpreter.)

**Committee Members Absent:**

Martha Degasis

**Staff to Committee Present:**

Jim Dewey, Facility and Energy Manager, ADA Coordinator; Alelia Parenteau, Energy/Administrative Analyst II; Kristyn Payne, Administrative Specialist

**Agenda Item Number: 1**

Discussion: The Chair called the meeting to order

Informal Action Items: Meeting called to order at 9:35am

**Agenda Item Number: 2**

Discussion: The ADA Coordinator called roll

Informal Action Items: See the attendance above

**Agenda Item Number: 3**

Discussion: The Chair called for Public Comment

Informal Action Items: Public Commenters:

Nick Koontz- Concern over ADA parking abuse because the abled public and multiple business entities are parking in ADA spaces illegally. Suggests citizen enforcement options and requests the collection of current baseline data from parking enforcement. The 'Parking Mobility' app provides a citizen reported database of ADA

Parking abuses.

Action: Staff will investigate the baseline data and the plausibility of using a software like 'Parking Mobility' and will report back to the committee.

#### Agenda Item Number: 4

Discussion: Pending/Old Items

Informal Action Items:

1. Ad Hoc committee member - B. Burnham, to revise "Goals and Objectives" list, and discuss with J. Dewey.
2. B. Silver to work with IRLC on some suggestions to improve the City's Assistive Communications Policy and Training documents
3. Disabled parking discussion to come to committee once directed by City Attorney and the City's Ordinance Committee. Issues include: Rules in right of way and private lots, Concern over loss of roadside blue striped parking spaces. Clarification on when parking is free for disabled placard holders.
4. B. Burnham to send Jim Accessible Sidewalks proposal for review

#### Agenda Item Number: 5

Discussion: Approval of 6/24/16 Minutes and Discussion of Pending Items

Informal Action Items:

1. Correction to minutes: Remove the 'J.' in 'J. Barbara Silver'
2. B. Burnham is working with staff on reprioritizing goals and objectives to ensure the Advisory Committee is an efficient far-reaching resource for the entire local disabled community
3. B. Burnham suggests that this committee provide information to the disabled community on the City resources available to them
4. B. Silver will wait until communication lines are clearer to work with IRLC to improve the City's Assistive Communications Policy and Training Documents
5. The City Ordinance (CO) Committee is taking a look at parking ordinances and will want the Access Advisory Committee (AAC) to weigh in on oversized vehicle parking and blue line parking issues. The AAC is waiting on CO Committee direction.
6. The Committee will continue to have pending items on agendas and have a Committee Reports item directly after

Committee Votes: Approval of minutes J. Marston/A. Ortega. Ayes=5; Nays=0; Abstain=0; Absent=1; Unable to Vote=1

## Agenda Item Number: 6

Discussion: Presentation on communications to the Disabled Community during a disaster/emergency – Yoli McGlinchey, Emergency Services Manager

### Informal Action Items:

1. Reverse 911 is being replaced by Aware and Prepare  
<http://awareandprepare.org/>
2. Basic Goals: Individuals to prepare, Individuals in the disabled community and emergency responders to communicate better, Encouraging local organizations to maintain and improve their individual emergency plans, if any.
3. Challenges: People are unprepared, Emergency preparedness for the disabled community requires in depth considerations, a disconnect in communication between those being evacuated and those evacuating them busy schedules so it is challenging to collaborate, funding, after education on basic preparations, people take no action
4. How do we start? Emergency planners and responders to be informed about accessibility needs, Spreading information through all means
5. What do we do? Commitment of family and community to be involved with the emergency preparedness needs of the disabled community, keep the family communication plan and go-kit current, each community partner contribute to the community
6. Without Communication what's at stake? The lives and well-being of everyone in the community, the reputations of local organizations and communities, potential litigation, potential loss of federal/state mitigations funding, potential loss of trust in community leaders, more difficult recovery for the community, media focus on what went wrong
7. So, What Are You Going to Do? Know the resources available, Begin a network, find ways to communicate effectively with responders, subscribe to alerts through [www.everbridge.com](http://www.everbridge.com)

Action: Committee members to look at website and determine if it can be audible

## Agenda Item Number: 7

Discussion: Proposals/suggestions for creating AAC Meeting Rules and Protocol

### Informal Action Items:

1. Access Advisory Committee members can request that staff add an item to an agenda informally
2. In response to a public comment, committee members are able to make a motion to suggest that the subject be on a future agenda

3. B. Burnham will send J. Dewey his proposal on sidewalk accessibility
4. J. Dewey requests that Ad Hoc committee meet with him to discuss goals and objectives
5. Motion: A speaker's time during Public Comment is limited to 5 minutes and may go longer under the discretion of the Chairperson. The previous limit was 2 minutes

Committee Votes: MOTION on speaking time limits J. Marston/K. Johnson.  
Ayes=5; Nays=0; Abstain=0; Absent=1; Unable to Vote=1

### Agenda Item Number: 8

Discussion: Committee Member Reports

Informal Action Items:

1. B. Burnham will meet with K. Johnson, M. Degasis, and J. Dewey before the November committee meeting to redefine the committee's goals and objectives list
2. Several committee members spoke at the Board of Appeals meeting on July 7th regarding the safety of granting a waiver in the Sandman Project to alter a code on truncated domes. The waiver was granted despite testimony to the contrary.
3. J. Dewey will find a summary of the decision and report back to the committee
4. On July 21st, members of the disabled community and City of Santa Barbara inspectors met on Garden St. to discuss accessibility of facilities. B. Burnham considers it very successful.
5. There is now an inspector designated for accessibility issues
6. Next meeting is November 11th, 2016 (occurring earlier to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday)
7. Community Reports will be placed directly after the Discussion of Pending Items item on future agendas

### Agenda Item Number: 9

Discussion: The Chair adjourned the meeting

Informal Action Items: Meeting adjourned at 11:29am

Committee Votes: MOTION to adjourn meeting. Ayes=5; Nays=0; Abstain=0; Absent=1; Unable to Vote=1