



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY September 15, 2016

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA – 4th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

1200 Third Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:35 a.m. with Board Members, Chair Wayne Landon, Vice Chair Israel Martinez, Adam Ringler, Elaine Cooluris, Michelle Crisci, Patricia Sieglen-Perry, Rachel Chapman, Sandra Miles, and Sharla Hank present.

Visitor introductions:

- a. Alejandra Warner, Project Officer, Project Implementation Division, Public Works Department, City of San Diego
- b. Kristi Fenick, District Manager, Therapeutic Recreation & Senior Services, Park & Recreation Department
- c. John Valencia, Executive Director, Office of Homeland Security, City of San Diego
- d. Ron Santos, San Diego Zoo
- e. Jonathan Richards, Supervisor, Therapeutic Recreation & Senior Services, Park & Recreation Department
- f. Pierre Nowak, Homeland Security Coordinator, Office of Homeland Security

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Hank, second by Sieglen-Perry, to approve minutes of July 21, 2016. Passed 9-0-0 (yay: Ringler, Cooluris, Martinez, Crisci, Sieglen-Perry, Chapman, Miles, Hank, Landon; nay: none; abstain: none).

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director (ED) Curtis gave the following report:

- a. Suggested the board reconsider going dark in August and December. This item to be placed on next agenda.
- b. Board members Landon, Martinez, Ringler, Chapman, and Hank attended the opening of the Trail for all People.
- c. Update on October Awareness event: Council Member Mark Kersey and Mayor will be presenting the Accessibility Advisory Board with a Proclamation. Confirmed organizations attending event are Deaf Community Services, Down Syndrome Action, Office of ADA, Park & Recreation - Therapeutic Services, Center for the Blind, Ability Center, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego Public Library, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Muscular Dystrophy Association and United Cerebral Palsy. The flyer for the event will be coming out soon.
- d. AAB Absences – Statistics report: Attendance is by fiscal year from July through June per By-Laws as stated: The Board shall find that a vacancy exists upon receipt of a resignation in writing from one of its members or the third consecutive unexcused absence or the fourth absence in the 12-month period (July through June).
- e. Board Member Rachel Chapman is moving out of the county; she will remain a board member until her successor is confirmed by Council.
- f. Re-Appointments of Board members Ringler, Cooluris, Crisci, Hank, and Miles effective Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Re-appointment are through June 2018.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities (John Valencia, Executive Director, Office of Homeland Security, City of San Diego)
 - i. Mr. Valencia's presentation covered emergency preparedness, reporting suspicious activity, public safety training, business emergency operations, and responding to threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk. He also discussed a gap analysis prepared by a consultant; he will present the analysis at a future AAB meeting.
 - ii. Board members provided feedback on how could they can help homeland security address people with disabilities, operational centers and shelters, sign language interpreters, protocol communication, and policy for the interpreters.

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- b. Upgrades to 3901 Landis Street – old Copley YMCA Building (Alejandra Warner, Project Manager, Project Implementation Division, Engineering Department, City of San Diego)
 - i. Kristi Fenick, District Manager (Therapeutic Recreation & Senior Services, Park and Recreation Department, City of San Diego)
 - 1. Discussed Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS) move to the old YMCA property at 3901 Landis Street once the rehabilitation of the facility is complete.
 - 2. presented information about programs and services provided by TRS
 - ii. Alejandra Warner, Project Manager (Project Implementation Division, Public Works Department, City of San Diego)
 - 1. Discussed the rehabilitation project at 3901 Landis Street, including the addition of an elevator. The project incorporates Universal Design.
 - 2. Board members' requested the City work with MTS to add a bus stop closer to the facility than currently exists and offered to write a letter to MTS recommending such a change.

7. ACTION ITEMS

None.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE/AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Disability Awareness Event Ad Hoc Committee
 - i. Vice Chair Martinez will coordinate with ED Curtis on the event flyer. Board members will receive the flyer by email for distribution to their constituency.
- b. Subcommittee on Implementation of Universal Design in Policies and Procedures Board
 - i. Member Crisci stated the Subcommittee met on August 9, 2016, and the purpose of the subcommittee is to advise AAB on policy and procedures for access issues with a focus on accessibility instead of ADA law. Ideas of focus are incentives for businesses, leniency on some codes, flexibility on some deadlines, priority inspections.
 - ii. Member Crisci read the subcommittee's draft policy on Universal Design, which is similar to the Port of San Diego's (Port) Universal Design policy in that every Capital Improvement Project goes before the ADA Coordinator for review. ED Curtis stated the number of CIPs in the City is many times the amount at the Port, and review of all CIPs for Universal Design would be a separate full-time job.

9. BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Member Cooluris recommended that Office of Homeland Security attend the October Disability Awareness event.
- b. Member Cooluris recommended a longer November meeting, starting at 10am to 12pm.
- c. The Board agreed to have the following information items on the November agenda: Reasonable Accommodation for Employees with Disabilities, and Homeland Security on Gap Analysis.
- d. Member Crisci recommended to flip the agenda sequence to have business conducted at the end of the meeting, and the presenters at the beginning.

10. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS ITEMS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M