

# ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

## **MINUTES**

THURSDAY, January 19, 2017 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Mary Hollis Clark Conference Center San Diego Central Library 330 Park Boulevard • San Diego, CA 92101

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:45 a.m. with Chair Landon and members Ringler, Crisci, Sieglen-Perry and Miles present. Members Cooluris, Martinez, Chapman and Hank absent.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Ringler, second by Miles, to approve minutes of November 17, 2016. Passed 5-0-0 (yay: Ringler, Crisci, Sieglen-Perry, Miles, and Landon; nay: none; abstain: none).

#### 4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Project Officer II Mary Wolford gave the following report:

- a. Executive Director (ED) Thyme Curtis is unable to attend meeting as she is attending a League of California Cities Community Policy Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- b. If board members have questions or an issue that needs attention prior to the board's next meeting, please let Mary know.

#### 5. CHAIR'S REPORT

a. None.

#### 6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Beam Robot Demonstration by Kari Kovach, Director of Marketing & Communications, The San Diego Museum of Art
  - i. Ms. Kovach's presentation discussed how patrons with disabilities who are unable to visit the museum in person can now experience the museum remotely using a computer. The Beam, on loan from Suitable Technologies, is a smart telepresence device that uses high-quality audiovisual equipment and a Wi-Fi connection to navigate through galleries by remote control.
  - ii. Board members stated that better audible sound, closed captions and better internet connection would benefit this experience.
  - iii. Board members like the concept and idea of the Beam Robot.
- b. Balboa Park West Mesa Comfort Stations presentation by Alejandra Warner, Project Manager, Engineering Department, City of San Diego
  - Ms. Warner's presentation covered Thorn Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Nutmeg Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Comfort Stations. She explained the applicable codes using 2013 standards and Scope of Work.
  - ii. Board Members made the following recommendations: use compliant faucets and door latches, accessible signage with International Accessible Symbol, grab bars on each side, and toilet paper dispensers to be flush against the partitions.
- c. Tour of the I-CAN Center presentation by Matthew Nye, Disability Services Librarian City of San Diego.
  - i. Mr. Nye gave a tour of the I CAN Center which provides services, programs, resources and professional assistance for persons with disabilities in a safe and comfortable environment.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Change the name of the Universal Design Subcommittee to the Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee

This item was not discussed and will be placed on the next agenda.

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE/AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee
This item was not discussed and will be placed on the next agenda.

#### 9. BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Board Members asked Alejandra Warner for the plans of the YMCA. Ms. Warner stated the plans are not ready and she will inform the Executive Director when they are.

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## 10. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS ITEMS

a. Chair Landon suggested a presentation on Texas phone application which you're able to take pictures of parked cars with placards and it goes to the law enforcement but it didn't get great reviews.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm