



# ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

## DRAFT MINUTES

THURSDAY, November 29, 2018

2:00 – 3:30 PM

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA – FOURTH FLOOR, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

1200 Third Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. with Chair Landon and Cooluris, Crisci, Gibbens, Hank, and Ringler present. Members Kalivas and Sieglen-Perry absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Sharlene Ornelas (from the Center of the Blind) commented on guide strips being eliminated at Upas St and Park Blvd, College Ave and El Cajon Blvd, and 59th and El Cajon Blvd that are heavily used by the blind community. Ms. Ornelas also discussed the benefits of the Polaris audible signals and would like to see more installed throughout the City.
2. Pat Pressel, a community member and wife of a person who uses a wheelchair, commented that the disabled community had strong opposition of the electric scooter and bicycles and asked the Mayor's office about lack of enforcement, sidewalk inaccessible due to littered scooters or scooters lined up at curb ramps at intersections, disabled people losing their independence due to the inaccessible sidewalks, the need for a 311 hotline to Mayor's office, and speeding scooter issues.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Electric Dockless Scooters and Bicycles (Greg Block, Senior Press Secretary & Public Policy Manager, Office of Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, City of San Diego)
  - a. Mr. Block presented five proposed regulations for Electric Dockless Scooters and Bicycles: 8 mph limit at beaches, bays, Balboa Park and Convention Center; staging and parking of the scooters limited to 4-6 cluster; companies share data of where rides begin and end; charge fee to companies per device. Final recommendations will be made in coming weeks.
  - b. Members recommended: the relocation of the geofencing away from the Blind Center - Mr. Block requested members send a list of locations for geofencing; dedicated parking for bikes and scooter to remove from sidewalk and locate on the street – Mr. Block responded that City engineers are exploring designated street areas; charging fees to help pay for management costs.
2. Canon Street Park Design Plan Presentation (Alejandra Warner, Office of ADA Compliance and Accessibility, City of San Diego)
  - a. Ms. Warner presented the Canon Street park design and provided a brief description of accessible features. Members commented on their consensus to use stamped concrete as opposed to bumpy and deeply grooved pavers. The push button on the drinking fountain for dogs should be visible and easy to locate or signage could be added. Accessible benches, one out of twenty spaces, are accessible but City would add more than standard regulation.

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. September 27, 2018
  - a. Motion by Member Hank, second by Cooluris, to approve Minutes of September 27, 2018. Motion passed 6-0-0 (yay: Chair Landon and members Cooluris, Crisci, Gibbens, Hank, and Ringler; nay: none; abstain: none; Members Kalivas and Sieglen-Perry absent).

## ACTION ITEMS

1. None

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee
  - a. Member Crisci announced that after the development of the bathroom standards, no other items have come forward for review. The Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee Updates will be taken off the agenda.
2. Awards Ad Hoc Committee
  - a. Potential Disabled Awareness event or media event was brought up; future meeting date will be schedule.
3. Service Dogs in Dog Parks Ad Hoc Committee
  - a. Public Comment by Sharlene Ornelas: the survey distributed by ED Curtis is only online, not everyone has access to a computer to take the survey. The cost for a trained service dog is \$65,000 so many people with services dogs don't visit dog parks for fear of their dog becoming injured or sick.
  - b. Update was given by ED Curtis. The Committee met and created an online survey regarding need for a service dog community. Only 3 survey responses were received. Ed Curtis and Office of ADA Staff Oscar Gomez are available to assist people with disabilities or those without computer access with completing the survey.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

1. No Report.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Executive Director (ED) Curtis gave the following report:
  - a. The City of San Diego created a Mobility Board that will replace the Bicycle and Parking Board. One seat will be available for ADA. ED Curtis invited and encouraged Members to attend Council meeting on Tuesday, December 4th.
  - b. ED Curtis and Alejandra Warner attended the Chinese delegation at UCSD in which she gave an ADA presentation.
  - c. ADA Symposium is scheduled for June in Dallas.

## OLD BUSINESS

2. None.

### **BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Member Crisci and Cooluris expressed that an AAB member should be on the Mobility Board. It needs to be someone with expertise on ADA.
2. Oscar mentioned that he will work on the Civic Center Plaza building evacuation plan. The building has Stryker chairs for people with disabilities in case an earthquake should happen.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm