



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, December 5, 2019

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA – FOURTH FLOOR, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

1200 Third Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m. with Chair Ringler, Cooluris, Gibbens, Hank, Landon, and Sieglen-Perry present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Linda Burritt, Co-Founder of Mapigator, commented there is a new local map website for persons with disabilities that helps find places and services corresponding to their lifestyle needs and interests.
2. Kelly Twichel, an Occupational Therapist and founder of Access Trax, commented that her company makes modular mats to be used as accessible pathways to the beach for people using mobility devices. She wants to make the City of San Diego the most accessible place in the United States.
3. Brian Helmich, Talmadge resident, expressed concerns about traffic circles, roundabouts, and the Meade and Landis bike lanes; stated the Board should consider these issues and have them corrected.
4. Jeff Hamblin, Normal Heights resident, expressed concerns about traffic circles and roundabouts. Issues include: structural obstructions blocking visibility, and the need for pedestrian refuge areas.
5. Jack Robertson, La Jolla resident, commented that he is a long-time beach user and body surfer and swimmer, expressed concerns about access to beaches, beach mats not being effective because the wheelchair gets stuck. He would like to see the City look for alternative options such as Access Track because it is a solid mat.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. East Village Green Park Project (Presented by Kathleen Brand)
 - a. Ms. Brand presented the East Village Green Park Project and provided a brief description of the amenities and accessible features including park entrances, street closures, and signage.
 - Member Cooluris voiced concerns about grading during special events in the park, bus service (where/when), and homeless issues.
 - Member Gibbens voiced strong safety concerns about the detectable warning, bollards and chains for visually impaired. The bollards and chains proposed near the curb ramps are confusing for a blind person, she recommends extending it to where the curb ramp begins.
 - Member Gibbens stated and board members agreed that project should remove truncated domes along 14th street and only have double chains with corresponding bollards. Chains should be taught to allow proper chain detection.
 - Member Sieglen-Perry expressed concerns about signage; Ms. Brand noted that a Directory Map will be at the park.
 - ED Thyme Curtis asked about adult changing tables in the restrooms. Ms. Warner will give Ms. Brand the information about adult changing tables

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2019

Motion by Member Sieglen-Perry, second by Member Landon, to approve minutes of October 24, 2019, with corrected changes. Motion passed 6-0-0 (yay: Chair Ringler, Cooluris, Gibbens, Hank, Landon and Sieglen-Perry; nay: none; abstain: none).

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Funding Request Letter to Mayor and Councilmembers
 - a. Motion by Member Cooluris, second by Landon, to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Funding Request Letter to Mayor and Councilmembers with modifications. Motion passed 6-0-0 (yay: Chair Ringler, Cooluris, Gibbens, Hank, Landon and Sieglen-Perry; nay: none; abstain: none).
2. Reschedule January meeting due to AFN Symposium scheduled on same day

- a. Motion by Member Cooluris, second by Landon, to reschedule January meeting to Thursday, January 9, 2019, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Motion passed 6-0-0 (yay: Chair Ringler, Cooluris, Gibbens, Hank, Landon and Sieglen-Perry; nay: none; abstain: none).
3. Frequency, Dates, Times of Regular Board Meetings
 - a. Motion by Member Landon, second by Cooluris, to have board meetings from 1:30 – 3:00 on the first Thursday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November) beginning March 2020. Motion passed 6-0-0 (yay: Chair Ringler, Cooluris, Gibbens, Hank, Landon and Sieglen-Perry; nay: none; abstain: none).

COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Awards Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Elaine Cooluris, Patricia Seiglen-Perry, Sharla Hank)
 - a. Ad Hoc Committee will meet on January 9, 2019, at 12:30 pm before the regular meeting.
2. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Kim Gibbens, Wayne Landon)
 - a. Member Gibbens announced that she and Thyme met with representatives from Lime (Scooters); to create a dialog on how to better communicate with users on parking scooters away from disabled organizations.
 - b. Chair Ringler would like to table it for discussion at later time.

CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Chair Ringler reminded members to view the 20-min Brown Act video.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Executive Director Curtis gave the following report:
 - a. Met with representatives from Lime (Scooters).
 - b. City of San Diego budget shortfalls reported
 - c. ADA Compliance and Accessibility is still part of the Neighborhood Services Department.
 - d. ADA Compliance and Accessibility is scheduled to move to 101 Ash Street on December 20, 2019.
 - e. ED Curtis spoke at Mapigator event to highlight the great work the City is doing for those with disabilities, but because Mapigator is a for profit company and the City is not sponsoring it, she did not invite the board to

the event. Must be careful with outside organizations as it may seem that the City is endorsing a product, which would be unethical.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Member Cooluris would like to revisit the traffic circle. ED Curtis requested Phil Rust, City staff for roundabouts, come to a future meeting with draft guidelines.
2. Member Seiglen-Perry would like Park and Recreation to give a presentation on beach accessibility.

BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Members Hank would like to know the process for the library when the automatic doors are not working correctly. This item will be placed on a future agenda.
2. Member Hank would like training for library staff on procedures.
3. Member Hank would like an information item at a future meeting on training city employees on how to report an accessibility request or a complaint.

ADJOURNMENT at 4:20