



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 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 1:37 p.m. with Chair Ringler and Members Gibbens, Landon, Sieglan-Perry, and Wolford present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. 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.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Status of E-Scooter Regulations in the City of San Diego
(Elyse Lowe, Director, Development Services Department, City of San Diego)
 - a. Ms. Lowe presented the E-Scooter regulations and provided a brief description of the permitting process of shared mobility. Stated since the start of permitting seven companies applied; two of those did not re-apply at the six-month mark. City Council is changing mobility device regulations and expected to ban those devices on the Mission Beach boardwalk.

2. Presentation and Discussion of Accessibility at City Beaches and Bays
(Jon Richards, Supervising Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, Parks and Recreation, City of San Diego)
 - a. Mr. Richards presented beach accessibility. The City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department's Therapeutic Recreation Services program provides sports, recreation, leisure, and outreach services to people with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. Services include therapeutic recreation programs and adaptive sports opportunities to address the unique needs of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty accessing and participating in recreation opportunities offered to the public. Mr. Richards distributed program calendars to the board.
 - Member Wolford asked about peak period of use, are they going to add more beach chairs; Mr. Richards replied he would like to add more chairs but where to store them is the issue.
 - Project Officer II Alejandra Warner will work to identify beach wheelchair storage on new and modified lifeguard station projects.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. December 5, 2019
 - a. Motion by Member Sieglen-Perry, second by Member Landon, to approve minutes of December 5, 2019. Motion passed 5-0-0 (yay: Chair Ringler and Members Gibbens, Landon, Sieglen-Perry and Wolford; nay: none; abstain: none).

ACTION ITEMS

1. Letter to the Mayor and Councilmembers regarding the Office of ADA Compliance and Accessibility
 - a. Motion by Member Sieglen-Perry, second by Member Landon, to write a letter regarding staffing and office budget for the Office of ADA compliance and Accessibility for the coming Fiscal Year 2021, Mary Wolford volunteered to draft a letter with Member Sieglen-Perry. Motion passed 5-0-0 (yay: Chair Ringler, Members Gibbens, Landon, Sieglen-Perry and Wolford; nay: none; abstain: none).

- b. Chair Ringler called a special meeting for Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 10:30 A.M. to discuss and approve a letter regarding the Office of ADA budget and staffing levels.
2. Discussion and Approval of the Calendar Year 2019 Standardized Report for the Accessibility Advisory Board
 - a. Motion by Member Landon, second by Member Wolford, to approve the Calendar Year 2019 Standardized Report for the Accessibility Advisory Board with modifications. Motion passed 5-0-0 (yay: Chair Ringler, Members Gibbens, Landon, Sieglen-Perry and Wolford; nay: none; abstain: none).

COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Awards Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Elaine Cooluris, Patricia Sieglen-Perry, Sharla Hank)
 - a. Member Sieglen-Perry talked about potential ideas for disability awareness month in June. Doing more on social media and campaigns.
2. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Kim Gibbens, Wayne Landon)
 - a. None

CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Chair Ringler reminded members that April 2, 2020, is the new date for the San Diego Region Access and Functional Needs Symposium.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Executive Director Curtis gave the following report:
 - a. Council President Georgette Gomez contacted her that they received the budget letter.
 - b. ADA Compliance and Accessibility has moved to 101 Ash Street.
 - c. Alejandra Warner has finished the installation of an adult changing table at Park De La Cruz.
 - d. Alejandra Warner mentioned that Kim Gibbins has been working closely with her on some public right of way projects.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. None

ADJOURNMENT at 3:25 pm