



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

THURSDAY, May 7, 2020

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ONLINE MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER

Present: Acting Chair Hank, Members Landon, Sieglen-Perry, Crisci, Gibbens, and Wolford;
absent: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment: Pursuant to the provisions [California Executive Order 29-20](#), Commission meeting will be held via teleconference until further notice. In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may submit their comments via a public comment [webform](#). Members of the public wishing to address the Commission under Public Comment must submit a Public Comment [webform](#) prior to the meeting. Instructions for word limitations and deadlines will be noted on the [webform](#). Pursuant to open meeting laws, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Commission on any issue brought forth under non-agenda public comment.

Jeffrey Hamblin commented about his opposition to the planned Neighborhood Traffic Circles on the Meade Avenue Bikeway Project.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. County of San Diego COVID-19 Response for Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Population (Christy Patch, JD, PhD, Community & Aging Policy Specialist Aging & Independence Services, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency)

Ms. Patch provided overview of County's COVID response for AFN community.

2. COVID-19 – Board Discussion of AFN/People with Disabilities Needs at this time.
Chair Hank announced she is in touch with other Down syndrome groups throughout the nation.

ACTION ITEMS

1. 30th Street Bikeway Project and ADA Street Parking (Everett Hauser, AICP, PTP, Mobility Program Manager, City of San Diego, Transportation & Storm Water Department, City of San Diego)

Motion by Member Crisci, second by Member Landon, to bring final design for path of travel from floating ADA parking space to curb ramp for review at future meeting; add disabled parking spots mid-block to ensure individuals with disabilities are able to park close to businesses they frequent; and include in project replacing all curb ramps not built to current code. Motion passed 6-0-0 with Vice and Acting Chair Hank and Members Landon, Sieglen-Perry, Crisci, Gibbens, and Wolford voting yay; no abstentions, no nays.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Member Sieglen-Perry, second by Member Landon, to nominate Sharla Hank as chair of the Accessibility Advisory Board. Passed 5-1-0 with Members Landon, Sieglen-Perry, Crisci, Gibbens, and Wolford voting yay; Vice and Acting Chair Hank abstaining; no nays.

Motion by Member Sieglen-Perry, second by Member Gibbons, to nominate Mary Wolford as vice chair of the Accessibility Advisory Board. Passed 5-1-0 with Members Landon, Sieglen-Perry, Crisci, Gibbens, and Chair Hank voting yay; Member Wolford abstaining; no nays.

3. Meeting Schedule – Board Member Request for Temporary Change to Monthly Meetings

Motion by Member Landon, Second by Vice Chair Wolford, to temporarily adjust Board meetings to monthly with Board to re-evaluate at its August meeting. Passed 6-0-0 with Motion passed 6-0-0 with Chair Hank and Vice Chair Wolford, Members Landon, Sieglen-Perry, Crisci, and Gibbens voting yay; no abstentions, no nays.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Awards Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Elaine Cooluris, Patricia Sieglen-Perry, Sharla Hank)

Chair Hank stated this item will be tabled until the August meeting.

2. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Kim Gibbens, Wayne Landon)
Member Gibbens stated that mobility specialists from the San Diego Center for the Blind are working with Office of ADA Compliance and Accessibility staff members Brock Jones and Alejandra Warner on ensuring usability for blind individuals of the Meade Avenue bicycle bend-outs and roundabouts. Additionally, the San Diego Center for the Blind has written a letter to the City highlighting its concerns about the above design elements.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Hank and Board members Wolford and Sieglen-Perry met with council district offices to highlight their concerns about the FY21 Proposed Budget. Stated the City Los Angeles, with a population of approximately 4,000,000 people, has 24 ADA staff members. San Francisco has a population of approximately 800,000 people with seven ADA staff members. She is concerned that the proposed move of the Office of ADA to the Mobility Department shows council and City staff do not understand what the Office of ADA does. They also stated the Board needs to be more involved with Council members and their staff and the new mayor, and that the City needs to be ready for increased tourism once COVID is under control.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thyme Curtis reported that Chair Hank won ABC 10 News' and LEAD San Diego's May 2020 Leadership Award for her work on DS Action Center, the non-profit she co-founded with Rady's Children's Hospital. She also updated the board on the City Council FY21 proposed budget timeline.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Wolford suggested that the Board has one informational item per meeting, as the meeting tend to run late if there are more.

Member Sieglen-Perry suggested rather than limit the number of items, that the meetings should be scheduled for two hours.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: TBD

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