

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Location: <u>Civic Center Plaza</u> <u>1200 Third Ave</u> <u>4th Floor Conference Room</u> <u>San Diego, CA 92101</u>

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Agenda

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Chair Wolford, Members Roosen, Zuno, Jackson, Landon, Cooluris, Koczur Absent: Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry

City staff present: ADA Compliance and Accessibility Section: Thyme Curtis, Alejandra Warner, and Judit Havens; Mobility Deputy Director Kristy Reeser

Item 2: Non-Agenda Public Comment None Accessibility Advisory Meeting Minutes February 14, 2024 Page **2** of **4**

- Item 3: Action: Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2023 Motion by Member Landon, second by Member Roosen, to approve minutes as amended. Passed unanimously with Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry absent.
- Item 4: Information Item: Draft Mobility Master Plan (Phil Trom, Program Manager, Sustainability and Mobility Department) Mr. Trom discussed the Mobility Master Plan (MMP) and stated that MMP will be blueprint for applying for projects' grant funding. Work is informed by many efforts, including ADA Transition Plans, Pedestrian Master Plan, Community Plans, and more. MR. Trom announced virtual and in-person community feedback public gatherings Spring 2024, will share details in the coming days. The Draft MMP and feedback opportunities found at: www.sandiego.gov/sustainability-mobility/mobility/mobility-master-plan

Members asked if future grant funding would be for general roadwork or MMP specific; Mr. Trom assured it would be project specific. Chair Wolford asked about the status of the sidewalk repairs, Liaison Curtis and Mobility Division Deputy Director Kristy Reeser provided an update on the sidewalk repair programs and recent permitting changes that result in sidewalk repairs being easier and less expensive than previous permitting requirements.

Member Zuno said that MMP does not seem to contain disability-forward language and projects; stated that she sees people with mobility impairments and those with caregivers not being able to walk side-by-wide on narrow sidewalks. Access to Independence employs 80% of those with significant mobility impairments and the recent rain events severely impacted their ability to travel to work.

Member Cooluris said she didn't notice in the slides any mention of prioritizing people with disabilities. This group (people with disabilities) needs to be prioritized.

Chair Wolford requested AAB have a seat at the upcoming Mobility Governance Committee. Ms. Reeser let her know that was an internal committee with City directors. Chair Wolford would like a representative from the disability community to have a seat at that board. Liaison Curtis let her know that directors sitting on the Mobility Governance Committee there are individuals who have significant life and personal experience regarding disabilities; Chair Wolford was happy to learn that information. Accessibility Advisory Meeting Minutes February 14, 2024 Page **3** of **4**

Item 5: Information Item: Neighborhood Pilot Electric Vehicle Pilot Programs – FRED and Beach Bug (Krystal Ayala, Program Manager, Sustainability and Mobility Department)

> Ms. Ayala discussed the Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs): they have maximum speed of 25MPH on streets with speed limits of 35MPH or less, seat five passengers, are on a fixed route or on demand. City NEV programs include FRED in downtown and the Beach Bug in Pacific Beach. Nearby cities that have NEVs are Oceanside, National City, Carlsbad, and Chula Vista. Beach Bug has 4 GEM Polaris vehicles including one wheelchair accessibility vehicle (WAV). Average wait time for all vehicles is 8 minutes; Ms. Ayala will get WAV-requested rides average wait time and provide to Liaison Curtis to share with the group.

- Item 6: Ad Hoc Committee Updates & Reports
 - a. Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Wolford, Sieglen-Perry, Koczur, Zuno)

Majority of Councilmembers included Budget Ad Hoc request in their budget memos. Chair Wolford received an email from a councilmember asking for a list of projects that were in their council district; Liaison Curtis reminded her that the City-wide complaint list was sent to the board and that she would re-share that information.

- b. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Jackson, Sieglen-Perry, Roosen) No update
- c. Disability Advocates Outreach & Recruit Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Wolford, Jackson, Zuno) No update
- d. Day with a Disability Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Roosen, Sieglen-Perry)
 Event was postponed due to storm and rain events. New proposed date is April 11 and 12. Discuss if there are enough mentors for all who signed up last time; Member Roosen will send RSVPs for new date to those who already signed up.
- Item 7: Chair Report None
- Item 8: City Liaison Report

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Item 9:Old Business
NoneItem 10:Board Comments or Announcements
NoneItem 11:Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: March 13, 2024

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