



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, March 11, 2021

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

ONLINE MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 2:30 with Chair Hank, Vice Chair Wolford, and Members Cooluris, Gibbens, Landon, Sieglen-Perry. Member Crisci absent.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Review and Input: Draft Accessible Housing Code Update

Executive Director Curtis presented the update. Members commented that the incentives were very strong, that they were very supportive and excited for the increase in accessible housing. They asked that evacuation chairs be required on each floor. Vice Chair Wolford commented that once the accessible units are developed there should be a way to advertise or otherwise post availability of the accessible units to ensure people with disabilities can more easily locate them.

2. TIME CERTAIN 3:00 - Draft Dual Curb Policy

Presentation by James Nagelvoort, Public Works Director and City Engineer, and Daniel Nutter, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering and Capital Projects, City of San Diego

Member Gibbens commented that for the blind community, uniformity is extremely important. Vice Chair Wolford asked if the City's draft policy's exceptions match what is in Public Rights of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), once adopted.

After presentation members commented that they'd like more time to review the draft policy and have it returned to a future meeting as an action item. This item will be an action item at a future meeting.

3. Complaints and Projects Update

Executive Director Curtis presented a PowerPoint with recent statistics on number of Transition Plan projects completed, in a stage of design or construction, or not yet started. She also discussed complaint.

4. City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan Update – Inclusive Language and Images

Executive Director Curtis discussed the current Climate Action Plan (CAP) has terms such as “walkability” that could be changed to be more inclusive. She requested the board think about alternative terms to “walkability,” as well as review the CAP for other potential changes for increased inclusivity. Executive Director Curtis mentioned “traversability” as an alternative to “walkability,” other terms mentioned were “pedestrian mobility” and “pedestrian accessibility.”

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

1. January 14, 2021
 - a. Continued to April meeting

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Meeting Time and Frequency
A discussion occurred regarding meeting time and frequency. Member Sieglen-Perry motioned, with a second by Vice Chair Wolford, to have the board meet monthly from 2:30 – 4:00 on the second Thursday of each month, with the board being dark in August and December. Passed unanimously with Member Crisci absent.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Kim Gibbens, Wayne Landon)
No updates
2. Increasing Accessible Housing Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Michelle Crisci and Wayne Landon)
No updates, item was on this agenda as an informational item
3. Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Board Chair Sharla Hank, Mary Wolford, Patricia Sieglen-Perry)

Committee is creating PowerPoint to give to Councilmembers and Mayor, Executive Director Curtis is working to get on mayoral staff calendar.

CHAIR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Working on filling the project assistant position, current step is having a Request to Fill memo signed by executive management.

Per chair's request, Executive Director Curtis discussed duties of the Office of ADA Compliance and Accessibility.

Provided update on the Caltrans review of the City's accessibility and ADA programs; we are using the Pedestrian Master Plan data and heat maps, as well as the Sidewalk Assessment Survey data, to collect existing data and create a new GIS map.

Working on two programs with Economic Development: grants to make Streeteries accessible (available now), and CASp-inspection and report grant for small business (in progress at staff level).

Ms. Curtis emailed board and commission director Mathew Gordon for status of reappointments and appointments for two vacancies.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Accessibility Advisory Board Meeting Matrix

Vice Chair Wolford does not have time to update; Member Sieglen-Perry stated she will try to update the matrix.

BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Hank announced 3/21 is World Down Syndrome Day; DS Action is having a virtual celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

Board adjourned at 4:49 PM.

NEXT REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING: May 13, 2021 at 2:30

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