



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, September 8, 2021

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

ONLINE MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Hank, Vice Chair Wolford, Members Cooluris, Gibbens, Landon, Sieglen-Perry, and Crisci.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Spaces as Places Presentation (Sameera Rao, Project Manager, Planning Department, City of San Diego) (Link here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/spaces-as-places>)

Member Crisci stated that accessibility guidelines are a basic floor and asked if the draft ordinance incorporates Universal Design. She asked if accessible seating is required at a private parking lot, Ms. Rao stated that existing accessible seating requirements are also applicable at private lots used by the restaurant for patrons.

Member Landon expressed removing parking for Spaces as Places or parklets is still of concern.

Vice Chair Wolford expressed concern that the proposed ordinance reduces accessibility because it allows the removal of parking that people with disabilities could use. She also voiced concern that the reduction in number of driving lanes due to this and installation of bicycle lanes cause congestion that affect driving times, thus negatively affecting those with arthritis and other disabilities who can't sit in their car for longer periods of time.

Member Gibbens stated concern regarding maintaining a clear path of travel, the difficulty of a person who is blind finding a business entrance when they're forced to turn and navigate a path of travel that is not continuous. She asked if a closed street promenade will have clear barriers as required per accessibility regulations to protect those who are visually impaired from walking into car travel lanes. Ms. Rao stated the design guidelines include requirements that the promenade must end before the sidewalk ends so pedestrians are guided to the sidewalk.

Member Sieglen-Perry asked if the barrier that used to be required in sidewalk cafes is still required; Ms. Rao confirmed barriers are required. if the ordinance allows blocking the clear path of travel.

Executive Director Curtis and Senior Access Specialist Alejandra Warner discussed current projects to increase accessible parking in parking districts, starting with Gaslamp and Little Italy, new City requirements mandating accessible passenger loading zones in commercial and residential development (current and new) choosing zero parking, and updating parking standards.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

1. April 8, 2021
Continued to next meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Kim Gibbens, Wayne Landon)
2. Increasing Accessible Housing Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Michelle Crisci and Wayne Landon)

3. Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Board Chair Sharla Hank, Mary Wolford, Patricia Sieglen-Perry)

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Hank announced she is resigning from the Board due to other obligations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Curtis announced the ADA Compliance and Accessibility Team has a new member coming on board as a Project Assistant, her name is Judit Havens and she will be at the next Board meeting. She also updated the board on the Accessible Housing initiative and City Covid protocols.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING: October 13, 2021 at 10:30 AM

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