



## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2021

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

ONLINE MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

Member McKenzie Joined at 11:00 AM

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Downtown Curb Ramp Installation Project (Aveen Saleh, Associate Engineer – Civil, Engineering & Capital Projects Department)
  - a. Chair Wolford asked if there is a construction check list for curb ramps to ensure the ramps are built to design and code regulations. Ms. Saleh stated that Engineering and Capital Projects (ECP) reviewed 161 locations and identified which curb ramp would be difficult to install and provided design for those that were deemed difficult. If the hired construction company needs a deviation, it needs to submit a request for information to ECP. If company requests any deviation from design the resident engineer will to consult with design team.
  - b. Member Gibbens thanked team for including dual curb ramps at locations where possible as they are helpful for blind individuals – when crossings are misaligned it is much for difficult for blind individuals. Member Gibbens also asked for the definition of a continental crosswalk, and what the different types of curb ramps look like (Type A, B, C1).
  - c. Member Landon asked storm water inlets and how to design curb ramps that have inlets. Mentioned that at Rosecrans Street and Kurtz, you have to go right into the middle of the street. Ms. Saleh: we conduct water drainage study and relocate the storm drain inlet. We also check for all utilities such as a gas mains. Sometimes the City has to re-grade the street to ensure proper drainage flow.
  
2. Update on Appointments (Chida Warren-Darby, Director, Office of Boards and Commissions)

Ms. Warren-Darby stated she is working on appointments and re-appointments and is hoping ot have those to council late May. She stated that there was quite a backlog when she came on board as director two months ago, and there are over 240 board and commission members that she's working to seat.

3. Park Boulevard Bicycle Lanes and Accessible Parking (Alejandra Warner, Access Compliance Specialist, ADA Compliance and Accessibility Section, Mobility Division)

Public Comment: "Carmen San Diego" Owner of a business at 4200 Park Blvd parking space, parallel parking and not feasible to have parking where people have to cross a busy bicycle lane.

Member Gibbens: accessible parking in business districts is based on current business, what happens if that business leaves and a senior-based business comes in, can that new business request additional ADA spaces? Ms. Warner – yes, it's easy to request additional spaces from Transportation Dept.

Member McKenzie: I sent an email of a floating parking space on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Robinson that looks dangerous, what is the process for pointing out issues? Ms. Curtis stated that she can send issues to our office and we'll investigate and open a complaint if needed.

#### MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

1. January 12, 2022 Member Wayne, second by Member Crisci, to approve; passed unanimously.
2. February 9, 2022 Member Wayne, second by Member Sieglen-Perry, to approve; passed unanimously.

#### COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Kim Gibbens, Wayne Landon)  
None

2. Increasing Accessible Housing Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Michelle Crisci and Wayne Landon)

Ms. Curtis stated that the Housing for All package passed Council a couple of month ago. Included in that were incentives for developers to build mid-rise housing with elevators, thus increasing accessible/adaptable housing in San Diego. They are exploring possibilities for incentives to build Accessory Dwelling Units adaptable and/or accessible and will update the board as the work progresses.

3. Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Board Chair Mary Wolford, Members Patricia Sieglen-Perry and Wayne Landon)

Chair Wolford stated that she and Members Sieglen-Perry and Landon reached out to all Council offices, the Mayor, and the IBA, over the last few months. The group provided a presentation of the Board's FY23 budget requests for the accessibility projects and the ADA Compliance and Accessibility Section, including a funding request for complaints, Transition Plan Projects, PROW Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, and an additional staff member. Chair Wolford stated that all councilmembers included ADA in their budget priority budget memos. Board members asked what was included in the Mayor's FY23 proposed budgets, Ms. Curtis responded there is \$7.9M of funding for ADA CIP projects in the FY23 proposed budget, including \$3M to remediate sidewalk-related replacement/curb ramp ADA complaints, \$100K for construction of a new sidewalk from a 2013 complaint, and \$4.9M for park facilities from the Transition Plan. Ms. Curtis provided further breakdown of the \$7.9M:

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- S15031 Egger/South Bay Community Park ADA Improvements- \$2,850,000
- S15028 Olive Grove Community Park ADA Improve- \$2,000,000
- B18159 ADACA Woodman St-Cielo to Pagel PI Sidewalk - \$100,000
- B23xxx ADA curb ramps - \$3,000,000

Member Sieglen-Perry stated that she felt the group's efforts were best spent contacting the Mayor's and Council offices requesting in the May Revise funding for the additional position in the ADA Compliance and Accessibility Section and \$500,000 to get the PROW transition plan started.

### ADJOURNMENT

The Board lost quorum and adjourned at 12:15

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: June 8, 2022 at 10:30 AM**