

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor Community Development Conference Room, City Hall  
Thursday, October 23, 2008  
2:00 P.M.

The City Accessibility Advisory Committee met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M. The following committee members answered roll call:

Arne Schonberger	Willie Padilla
Santos Gutierrez, Jr.	Rafael Hernando III
Manny Razo	Mary Castillo
Elaine Hengen	William Bennett
Jim Fraser	Andrea Espinosa
Norman Schenck	

The following visitors were present:

Martin Walton	Bill Watt
Bob Chessey	John Eager

The following members were not present:

Martin Wagner	Rene Jamis
Richard Sheldon	Sgt. Jack Mathews
James W. Peterson	Sergio Reyes

## AGENDA

- I. WELCOME / ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 28, 2008 and September 25, 2008.
- III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION
  - A. Curb Ramp on Request Program.
  - B. Audible Pedestrian Signal Program.
  - C. Subcommittee reports for Goals and Objectives
    - Supportive Employment
    - Taxi Ordinance
    - Sensitivity Training
    - Transition Plan for the City
    - Barrier Free Construction
  - D. Formal complaints regarding ADA/Accessibility Compliance
  - E. Plan Reviews
  - F. Next Meeting Agenda, Date, and Location (11-20-2008)
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- V. ADJOURNMENT

Item 1. Welcome/Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2008 and September 25, 2008.

A motion was made by Arne Schonberger, seconded by Mary Castillo, and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes of August 28, 2008 and September 25, 2008.

AYES: Arne Schonberger, Willie Padilla, Santos Gutierrez, Jr., Rafael Hernando III, Manny Razo, and Mary Castillo.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Item 3. Discussion and Action

- a. Curb Ramp on Request Program  
Comments were made by William Bennett.  
No action was taken on this item.
- b. Audible Pedestrian Signal Program  
Comments were made by William Bennett, Jim Fraser, Mary Castillo, Willie Padilla, Bob Chessey, and Norman Schenck.  
No action was taken on this item.
- c. Subcommittee Reports for Goals and Objectives  
Supportive Employment  
Comments were made by William Bennett, Mary Castillo, Willie Padilla, Elaine Hengen, and Jim Fraser.  
No action was taken on this item.  
Taxi Ordinance  
Comments were made by William Bennett, Mary Castillo, Santos Gutierrez, Norman Schenck, and John Eger.  
No action was taken on this item.  
Sensitivity Training  
Comments were made by William Bennett, Rafael Hernando III, Arne Schonberger, Mary Castillo, and Willie Padilla.  
No action was taken on this item.  
Transition Plan for the City  
Comments were made by William Bennett and Bob Chessey.  
No action was taken on this item.  
Barrier Free Construction  
Comments were made by William Bennett, Martin Walton, Arne Schonberger, and Mary Castillo.  
No action was taken on this item.
- d. Formal Complaints Regarding ADA  
No formal complaints were received.  
Comments were made by John Eger, Elaine Hengen, William Bennett, Norman Schenk, Rafael Hernando III, Arne Schonberger, Martin Walton, and Santos Gutierrez Jr.  
No action was taken on this item.
- e. Plan Reviews  
A number of plans have been reviewed, including new bus terminals, subdivisions, street improvements, and the new Central Recreation Center.
- f. Next Meeting Agenda, Date , and Location (11-20-2008)

The next meeting will be on November 11, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., location to be announced.

Item 4. Announcements

Announcements were made.

Item 5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Arne Schonberger, seconded by Willie Padilla, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Arne Schonberger, Willie Padilla, Santos Gutierrez, Jr., Rafael Hernando III, Manny Razo, and Mary Castillo.

NAYS: None.

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a. Curb Ramp on Request Program

The new application is out for the next fiscal year that starts on September 1, 2009. This year so far we have measured \$60,000.00 to \$65,000.00 worth of ramps. More ramps are scheduled to be measured tomorrow and will probably exceed \$100,000.00. The department will start filling out the new application in the next couple of weeks and try to get it in early. No action was taken on this item.

b. Audible Pedestrian Signal Program

Sergio Reyes is working on a couple of intersections that are being redone and will be audible signals will be installed when they are reconstructed. The application for Community Development funding is also going to be submitted for next fiscal year, to try and get funding for the intersections that have been applied for in the past. We will submit the full list and also submit the intersections individually, so that if there is not full funding maybe a portion of the signals will be funded. There is a list of locations that were approved by the Committee and the list that was submitted for funding this year. Some that are going to be installed are on Oregon where the SMART bus line is going to begin. The ones at Main and Mesa were not working, but it was supposed to be fixed. It will be checked. No action was taken on this item.

c. Subcommittee Reports for Goals and Objectives

Supportive employment

A request to change the name of this objective has been requested. The request is to call this objective "Employment of People with Disabilities." This will be a more correct title and will help eliminate the stereo type of "supportive employment." The reason the title of supportive employment was started because it was wanted to create a class called SE, similar to the GS class or PM class. Funding is still being looked for through a grant finding agency called E-Civis. Several departments have received grants by using E-Civis. No action was taken on this item.

Taxi Ordinance

There is no additional information from the last report that was given. Sun City has two accessible taxis that has b. The status on the contract between Lulac and the other cab companies is not known at this time. Lulac takes Medicaid, but will not take Medicare. If they are operating as a taxi service they will have to take any one who will pay the fare and will not be based on other medical transportation services that they provide. If they provide cab service they will have to take cash or credit card. No action was taken on this item.

Sensitivity Training

A program is still being developed to provide sensitivity training. There is a program that goes through the training, but it has eight hours or

four or five eight hour sessions. It is good if someone is taking it on their own, but to try to get a number of City employees for an eight hour session or several sessions it very difficult. A shortened version is being created to go over first person language and some of the other misconceptions that employees might have. A question about whether there was training being done at the schools or for the schools. It could be done easily. The Times continually uses "the disabled" or on some occasions "the handicapped" instead of a person with a disability. No action was taken on this item.

#### Transition Plan for the City of El Paso

Most of the Narrative for the plan is done. The self evaluation of the buildings and Sun Metro facilities has been completed. The street department is still compiling the information for the street infrastructure. The time frame to complete Sun Metro facilities will be a little over six years at the current spending rate and the time to complete the city building facilities will be about three and a half years at the current spending rates. The big portion is going to be the street and sidewalk areas. There is about three million dollars per year being spent by Streets, Community Development, and Sun Metro to remove deficiencies in the streets.

#### Barrier Free Construction

There is no additional information on this Item. A flier will be worked on to provide information to the Realtors and Mortgage Companies. A contractor should build the house accessible if requested. The plans can be changed easily. The approximate cost to build a house with barrier free items is about \$200.00.

#### d. Formal Complaints

No formal complaints were received. Several complaints were received about the Franklin Bus Area. There is a new transit terminal that is going to be constructed on Santa Fe and the terminal will be moved out by September 2009. Complaints about sidewalk gaps were brought up and will be investigated.

#### e. Plan Review

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