

# ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Minutes



**Date & Time:** Thursday, Feb 22nd, 2018 from 2:30-4:00 P.M.

**Location:** Sun Metro Transit Operations Center at 10151 Montana

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### Agenda Minutes

#### I. Welcome/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm with following members present. Committee introduced themselves, as well as city employees that were present.

Member	Appointment	Present
Marc Salazar	District 1	Present
Jorge Diaz	District 2	Present
Michelle Adjemian	District 3	Present
Lori Vugteveen	District 4	Present
Vacant	District 5	Present
Mary Castillo	District 6	
Mike Palomar	District 7	
Kristen Miller	District 8	Present
George Zavala	Mayor	
Julio Perez	Secretary	
Omar DelaRosa	Legal	

#### II. Call to the Public – Public Comment

- Jose Rodriguez – Construction crews throughout the City continue to block the sidewalk and accessible paths. As a result one person fell off the mobility device on Hunter and Phoenix

#### III. Business Items

Approval of Jan 25th, 2018 Minutes: Michelle Adjemian made a motion to approve and Kristen Miller did second the motion – unanimously approved.

#### IV. Discussion

## A. Bus Stop Enhancement Update

Frank Benavidez from Sun Metro provided an update on the ongoing bus enhancement project.

- 86 out of 114 bus stop from the first phase have been completed. Scheduled to be completed with phase in April. Ahead of schedule.
- Second phase has 300 locations. Notice to proceed to be provided next week.

Comments:

- o Lori Vugteveen mentioned asked for a bus stop at Lomanland and Northloop at Villa Santos.
- o Kristen Miller asked for a bus stop at 6974 Gateway East across from Red Lobster.
- o Marc Salazar asked if the new NE transfer center will have a bus stop – yes, it will be a complete transfer center with multiple stops. Will the old transfer center be removed? Yes, but no timeline yet.

## B. ADA Transition Plan and Self-Assessment Update

The ADA assessment is nearing completion. There will be a stakeholder's meeting next month on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to present the results to all those involved in the project and to celebrate all the accomplishments. Over 50 stakeholders involved. The notes (which will become part of the Transition Plan) are also being finalized – once completed, they will be shared with AAC prior to presenting them to City Council.

- A recap of the ADA assessment was given for some of the public members in attendance.
  - o Over 155 public buildings assessed
  - o 257 parks and related public spaces
  - o Over 2,757 bus stops
  - o All 27 official departments within the City – and many sub divisions within them.
- The final section that was assessed was the City's Emergency Preparedness and Planning for Citizens with disabilities, under the Fire Department. Under this section, the following is being assessed:
  - o Does the City have an emergency preparedness plan that includes citizens with disabilities?
  - o Are we including citizens with disabilities in the planning, transportation, communication, dialogue and everything related to the plan?
  - o Are we coordinating with third party agencies involved in the emergency plan so they are also prepared to help those with disabilities?

## Questions:

Is the City assessing all the shelters throughout the City?

- No – What was meant to say is the emergency preparedness plan takes into account all the resources needed during an emergency: transportation, shelters, communication, etc.
- City locations used for shelters need to be accessible.

Is the public invited to the stakeholders mtg?

- No – it's an internal celebratory mtg and to share some of the results.

What is the plan to post online the results of the Sidewalk Program

- Yes, City IT is already working on having a website that reports the progress on all the projects that are taking place throughout the City. We are hoping to have something completed by next month.

## C. Accessibility Summit Discussion 2018

Mr. Zavala submitted this item. He wanted to discuss ideas as to what the next conference should be about. This year (third year) will be a conference about resources to help individuals with disabilities. All vendors (state, local, private) would set up a table at the conference and provide information. Any ideas? Is this OK or would another topic be better?

## Questions:

- Is there a date for this? No date set yet – this is still up for discussion. Some people recommended June because in July, there are a lot of other activities taking place. Also, folks are out of school and they can bring their kids with them.
- Will this be for adults only? No – it can be for everyone, including resources for youth.
- Is it just for resources or also for employers? Only resources, there was already last year a job fair. And we don't want to mix different purposes – although if an employer was to show up as a resource, they can. Especially if they want to help someone get employment – i.e. assistance helping create a resume, how to interview? Etc.
- Can something be added for kids (like an activity) to encourage families to attend? Answer – Whatever the community wants – this is the Community's conference – not the City's conference. Mr. Zavala is looking for resources to help him organize it – if activities need to be included, it does take a lot of planning work, resources, etc. Ms. Kristen volunteered to help.
- What liability issues? Answer – we are hoping to hold this at EPCC at Viscount, so those types of issues are covered there.
- Will it required any money? Answer: At this point, not. But depending on the planning efforts and what is going to be included, it may require some resources?

## D. Update on Abraham Chavez Theater ADA Inspection

There have been some questions by the community as to whether the Abraham Chavez is ADA accessible. The theater was part of the ADA assessment and has been reviewed for compliance.

- The building was constructed in the early to mid 1970's. It was NOT built by ADA standards as the law had not yet passed.
- In the early 2000's, the City embarked on trying to make the building as ADA compliant as possible.
  - o Added ADA seating areas on both sides of the first floor section. Seating is very accessible and unobstructed from view of the main stage – it's not very far. Also seats are very accessible in terms of price – some of the least expensive seats.
  - o Added an elevator-lift to allow a performer access to the stage.
  - o Doors, entrance and pathways were made accessible.
  - o Integrated seating is not available in all areas due to the inaccessible stairways and steep grade down to the stage. There is no way to add accessible seating to the front area (close to the stage) without altering the entire building and stage.
    - Kristen Miller asked if a ramp can be added through the middle of the seating area? No – The ramp would not be ADA-compliant.

### Additional Improvements Planned in the building:

- o Bathrooms need to be modified for ADA compliance and it will become part of the assessment being completed.
- o Results – the building will be made as ADA-compliant as possible as required under the law. But it will not be 100% per current code – the building is an old structure NOT built under ADA code. Unless the building is demolished and rebuilt.
  - Jorge Diaz mentioned he has been to the Abraham Chavez theater and to him, it was acceptable. He understands that to make it 100% compliant would probably not be structurally possible. He has also been to the Plaza Theater and that's ADA-compliant and but it was built under ADA code (completely remodeled after the ADA law).

There will be an onsite meeting at the Abraham Chavez Theater on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Anyone is invited to attend to review the above items. If the public has any other ideas that we can implement – they would be welcome.

V. Next meeting Location

- March 22nd, 2018 – at the Sun Metro Operations Center from 2:30-4:00pm.

VI. Adjournment – 4:03 PM