

City of Madera ADA Advisory Council
City Hall Council Chambers, 205 W. 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 18, 2018, 3:30 p.m.

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Roll Call

DJ Becker-Chair
Emmanuel Gomez-Vice Chair
Cynthia Ortegon
Tim Riche
Muhammad Latif
Dennis Smith
Dana DeFranco

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The first fifteen minutes of the meeting are reserved for Members of the public to address the Council on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. If the subject is an item on the Agenda, the Chairperson has the option of asking the speaker to hold the comment until that item is called. Comments on items listed as a Public Hearing on the Agenda should be held until the hearing is opened. The Council is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Council does not respond to public comment at this time.

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of August 21, 2018
2. Report on participation in the 2018 Madera District Fair- Advisory Council Members
3. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Timelines- Wendy Silva

4. Oral reports by Staff and Advisory Council Members

Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council will be Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

I, Diana Rosas, HR Technician II for the City of Madera, declare under penalty of perjury that I posted the above Madera ADA Advisory Council Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2018, near the front entrances of City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 13, 2018.

Diana Rosas, HR Technician II Date

ALL CITY EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2018, 3:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, in the City Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

DJ Becker, Chair

Dennis Smith

Tim Riche

Emmanuel Gomez

Cynthia Ortegon

Dana DeFranco

ABSENT:

Muhammad Latif

Staff

Wendy Silva

Diana Rosas

OTHERS PRESENT: City Councilmember Charles Rigby
Linda Shaw, City of Madera Housing Authority
Irma Vargas, City of Madera Housing Authority

Chairperson DJ Becker called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2018. Council Member Smith moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Council Member Ortegon. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Presentation from Madera Housing Authority on Senior and Disabled Housing Unit Projects-Linda Shaw, Executive Director of Madera Housing Authority stated that first and foremost Cece Folley Gallegos is the Vice Chair of the Housing Authority and Will Oliver is the Chair. Linda stated that she was invited to speak about senior and disabled housing units. Linda stated that a lot of people think that the Housing Authority is an emergency or housing of last resort; one of the things Madera does not have is

emergency housing. One of the things that Council Member Becker and Linda have been working on is trying to help a young man whose house has been burned down. The only program that is currently provided that might be considered emergency is the new Pamona Ranch program and he was told that he is welcome to apply. The program is expecting to start at the end of November. Linda stated that the Housing Authority does have senior housing at Yosemite Manner for elderly only, but by Federal law they can keep people who are disabled but not over the age of 55 but tend to do that the best they can due to making the elderly comfortable because of cultural differences. Linda asked Irma Vargas to attend the meeting as well to go over statistics on exactly how many units they have. Irma stated that the Madera Housing Authority has 795 vouchers that are scattered out through the city and the county including Chowchilla and the mountain communities. Out of the 795 they do have preference programs which right now are the VASH Veteran's Administration program out of the Fresno VA, The Family Unification program, and some that come out of Victim services. Those families are directly referred to the Housing Authority through those agencies. If they fit the criteria based on the program, the process is once a referral is received those families are put in front of those on the waiting list and processed immediately. They are then given the voucher to find a unit to get them out of the situation that they are currently in. Council Member Becker asked if these include displacements from the Red Cross? Irma stated that yes but they have to come from a referring agent; they can't just come off the street stating that they are a victim and need help. The preference agencies get their voucher within 30 days if not sooner to get them out looking for housing. Council Member Becker stated that her and Council Member Ortegon about 12 years ago first encountered this problem with a disabled man who was displaced with no options, 74 years old who had recently lost his housing with landlord issues. They were hoping to prioritize options for the disabled seniors and it still seems like an issue that hasn't been addressed. Linda stated that with the current young man that lost his home his preference would be considered homelessness and she would personally take his application for Pamona Ranch housing. Not any homeless can apply; it has to be someone who has gone through channels that can maintain their housing. The homeless persons criminal background is checked and they are screened out if they have a background including violence, drug related conviction from the past ten years or if they are a registered sex offender. Council Member Becker asked how many homeless vouchers are there and given in the year? Irma stated that there is not a specific number of homeless vouchers. All the

vouchers that they have are within the 795. There are 50 vouchers for the VASH and 16 for the Family Unification, anything else falls within the 741 per say. Council Member Becker asked if there was any way on having a group for seniors who are disabled? Council Member Ortegon asked why that isn't a preference? Seniors have income and are disabled. Irma stated that they have applied for elderly and disabled preference vouchers but they would be included in the 795, not in addition to. They are still waiting to hear back from that application. Linda stated that what typically goes on in a Housing Authority is you build buildings specifically for seniors and disabled people and common practice is that if you are disabled for the list is shorter and would go into the senior living. Linda stated that we don't look at what is given and set aside a certain amount for disabled but if two come in the door one is disabled and one not then the disabled would have a house first. Linda stated that the Housing Authority must look at things case by case and see what can and can't be done. Council Member Ortegon stated that she has someone who rents a room from her and her mom who receives a voucher. Irma stated that they also have SRO, single room occupancy, and they do have two vouchers that are currently taken. It has to be a disabled family that has to locate a family who will rent a room to them, they wouldn't receive full utility allowance, but it is a possibility. There are 64-65 senior spots at Yosemite Manner, all for Madera. What is enough? Senior housing is a priority but higher for disabled according to the Council.

3. Discussion on booth ideas and participation in the 2018 Madera District Fair Including Scheduling for Booth Work-Wendy Silva stated that we need to get the booth staffed, on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. A sign-up sheet was passed out. Wendy asked what the Council wanted in their booth. The poster board from last year that asked the public to vote on which ADA Advisory Council functions are important to them is still available for use and could be used again. Giveaways include coloring books, bracelets, pencils, flyers, complaint forms and flags. According to the Fair Guide, the booth must be maned through 11pm. The booth will be setup on Tuesday morning and tickets will be available on Tuesday afternoon. Wendy stated that she will send out the schedule, so all the slots can be covered.
4. Presentation by DJ Becker Recognizing Cynthia Ortegon's tenure on the ADA Advisory Council – DJ Becker and Dennis Smith presented Cynthia with a plaque and thanked her for all her years of service on the ADA Advisory Council to date.

5. Oral reports by Staff and Advisory Board Members- Council Member Gomez stated that on July 14th Madera Special Needs Sports and Recreation had their 5th annual Super Hero Dance at John Wells Center and Parks did an awesome job. It was a big event and gives kids of all abilities the opportunity to interact with others and had lots of support from the Community. Their next event is October 13th, a 5K run/walk. Council Member Riche asked about the Postmaster. Wendy stated that he is away on a special assignment through September and would be attending our October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Accepted,

Diana Rosas
Human Resources Technician II

DJ Becker, Chair

Date: _____

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