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Roll Call
DJ Becker-Chairperson
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 December 18, 2018
2. Discussion regarding frequency and visibility of traffic enforcement of the handicap parking spaces –
3. Oral reports by Staff and Advisory Board Members
Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council will be Tuesday, February 19, 2019 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 January 15, 2019, near the front entrances of City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2019.

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Diana Rosas, HR Technician II          Date

ALL CITY EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
A regular meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, in the City Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:
DJ Becker, Chairperson
Cynthia Ortegon
Dennis Smith
Muhammad Latif

ABSENT:
Tim Riche
Dana DeFranco
Emmanuel Gomez, Vice Chair

OTHERS PRESENT:
Chairperson DJ Becker called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2018. Council Member Latif moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Council Member Ortegon. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion regarding housing needs of Madera disabled residents and seniors-DJ Becker stated the background. The need was determined about 12 years ago, Chairperson Becker stated that the Housing Authority wasn’t able to help as much and wasn’t able to determine the inventory. City Attorney Brent Richardson, asked the Housing Authority on how many units they had. Chairperson Becker stated that we first should determine the projection of the need since we don’t know how many units there is and don’t know what the need is except section 8. City Attorney Brent Richardson suggested that Linda Shaw make a presentation at the next meeting. Chairperson Becker stated that she had come to a meeting a couple years ago and
didn’t pin anything down so maybe a survey to find out what the need is. City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez stated that reviewing the City’s housing element, it should contain some information regarding the needs for the disabled. Some of that data is largely based on the US Census data, but it is a starting point and second invite the housing authority to a meeting. City Manager Rodriguez stated that the one challenge with the Housing Authority needs is that those needs are only captured by a small portion of the population. It is a good starting point but not true number. Chairperson Becker stated that her recollection is that City of Madera does not have any housing and does not really participate in the housing programs, it was completely on the Housing Authority. City Attorney Richardson stated that, that is correct it is the function of the Housing Authority. City Attorney Richardson Brent found out that the Housing Authority has 77 senior units. Chairperson Becker stated that it seems to be matter of prioritization since there are so many low-income families. City Attorney Richardson stated that HUD dictates largely on what goes on. Chairperson Becker asked if City Manager Rodriguez had any suggestions on non-profit housing. City Manager Rodriguez stated that he wasn’t too sure other than the Housing Authority that provides housing. He stated that there are other organizations will turnover units to the management of the Housing Authority. There is private nonprofit home builders and those home builders as part of their contracts which is typically HUD or USDA they will mandate a certain percentage of accessible units. City Manager Rodriguez that suggested that the starting point is with the Housing Authority to see if there are other providers. In some communities they have Amcal providing, a nonprofit low-income housing provider. Specifically, in City of Fresno they have 100 units. Julio Creaser Chavez also may have a hand full of accessible housing in the City of Fresno and they both are separate from the Housing Authority. Again, the starting point is with the Housing Authority and by reaching out to them and asking if there are any local providers that we weren’t aware of. Chairperson Becker stated that she doesn’t think there is, and how would it go about those partnerships? City Manager Rodriguez stated that the Housing Element is a good starting point to quantify, and the next Census data in 2020. City Manager Rodriguez also stated that Cities our size are typically not in the housing business. Council Member Ortegon stated that the census was used for 2010 and 8% of people identified themselves as senior/disabled which is a large number. Chairperson Becker asked the City Manager for guidance on this issue, the Housing Authority has not been to clear. Council Member Smith suggested that the Council draft a letter of concerns and questions to Linda Shaw, before she comes again so she is more prepared with what is listed and then we can ask her to come to a meeting and address the concerns and questions. Diana Rosas was instructed to write the letter and include the following questions: How do we increase the senior/Disabled Units? What the needs are provided to the Housing Authority? Waiting list and plans to add facilities? Occupancy rates? Why is the waiting list so long? Preference?
3. Discussion regarding frequency and visibility of traffic enforcement of the handicap parking spaces- Council Member Smith stated that Commander Chiaramonte had came to a meeting before Measure K had passed and were told that once that passed more law enforcement would be added to enforce parking. Council Member Smith suggested that at this point the Council should invite the Chief or the Commander and propose a list of questions, and ask if they are in a better position to better enforce parking. Chairperson Becker would like to get more up to date statistics on enforcement with parking citations and if they were able to get volunteers. The Council also would like to ask regarding businesses altering Handicapped spots and DOJ procedures. Diana Rosas stated that if there are specific spots that are altered to take pictures and we can share with PD when they come to the meeting.

4. Oral reports by Staff and Advisory Board Members- Council Member Latif brought up the bus stop at Walmart that was moved. The council expressed the issue with City Manager Rodriguez. Chairperson Becker stated that she has been advocating to bring the bus stop back to Walmart. Diana Rosas stated that the issue needs to be addressed with the TAB advisory, and that was already discussed with City Attorney Richardson as well. Diana Rosas suggested to Council Member Ortegon who is a member of that board to bring the issue up to the TAB and bring back the feedback to the ADA Council. Council Member Latif picked up flags from Council Member Smith to handout. Council Member Smith stated that he got more flags in. Council Member Ortegon shared with City Manager Rodriguez the self-evaluation and how as a committee they would like to see progress of that. City Manager Rodriguez stated that he will try his best that there is progress being made.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, 

Diana Rosas
Human Resources Technician II

DJ Becker, Chairperson

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