

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2020, 3:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, in the City Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

DJ Becker, Chairperson
Emmanuel Gomez, Vice Chair
Cynthia Ortegon
Muhammad Latif
Dennis Smith
Diana Robbins
Tim Riche

Staff

Diana Rosas
Wendy Silva

None Absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Public Comment: None

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2020. Councilmember Riche moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Councilmember Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Informational Report on Transit Service Planning- David Huff, Program Manager from the Grants department, gave an update on the bus stop at Walmart shopping center. He stated that there has been a two-year grant awarded for an assessment to take place. The assessment will include benefits, pros, cons, liability, design etc. He stated as of right now there is no time limit. David also stated that there is a second part grant through Caltrans that is in the process of being submitted. The Caltrans grant will do an assessment of all bus stops to see if routes need to be increased or changed. David stated that there is potential for a pull-out option on

Cleveland Avenue on the grass area. This area does belong to Walmart, and per the City Engineer it can be purchased, and at that point an entry/ exit can be created but there are risks when pulling out. Chairperson Becker would like this issue prioritized.

3. Informational Report on City of Madera ADA Self Evaluation & Transition Plan Update- Wendy Silva stated an application was submitted for CBDG funding to do an update on the City's ADA Self Evaluation. There were many applicants for CBDG funding this year. To help support the other applicants, Wendy advised that there is some money from the City's insurance reserve fund that could be used for the project. Wendy is proposing to develop a scope of work for the project proposal that will allow the consultants to bid the project in pieces. This will allow the City to award based on priority and actual cost, once that is known. Wendy will draft a preliminary scope of work to bring back to the ADA Advisory Council at its next meeting before publication of the Request for Proposals from consultants. The consultant will be asked to look at our existing plan and look at which laws have changed to make sure we are not missing anything. After the priorities are discussed, the recommendation will go to City Council for award of a consulting services agreement.
4. Informational Report on Response from US Postal Service-Wendy Silva stated that Sacramento called and left a voice message stating that someone was supposed to call back, and then COVID hit and we have not received further contact since.
5. Advisory Council Reports/Announcements/Requests for Future Agenda Items

This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Advisory Council members (1) to make brief reports on attendance at other boards, committees, public agencies, and/or public events, (2) to request updates, (3) to initiate future agenda items.

Councilmember Smith stated that a person that wasn't aware of parking laws, referring to handicapped, the person put their vehicle for sale in the landing strip. Councilmember Smith called PD and they came out and the car was moved within an hour.

Councilmember Smith stated that he has safety flags for power chairs/wheelchairs if anyone needed them to hand out to the public.

Chairperson Becker would like to send a request to MPD to suggest doing a once a month drive through at the usual spots for ADA parking enforcement. Wendy stated she spoke with MPD and they know that it is a priority and continue to do daily enforcement in the normal course of business.

Chairperson Becker connected with Robert Mele, a member of the ADA community. He reached out to Wendy and Chairperson Becker with some ADA

complaints about sidewalk blockage and bathroom concerns at the Walgreens on Cleveland. Wendy was able to provide information on how to reach out to corporate on the concerns and Mr. Mele reports they were resolved.

Chairperson Becker attended the Elections Task Force meeting and spoke to specific concerns regarding the disability community regarding the election. Most ADA individuals will vote by mail.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Accepted,



Diana Rosas
Human Resources Technician II

DJ Becker, Chairperson

Date: 09/15/2020

Date: _____