

City of Madera ADA Advisory Council
Teleconference Meeting
Madera, CA 93637
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, via Teleconference.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

DJ Becker, Chairperson
Dennis Smith
Cynthia Ortegon
Muhammad Latif
Diana Robbins
Time Riche, Vice Chairperson

Staff

Wendy Silva
Diana Rosas
Commander Chiaramonte
Mark Souders

ABSENT:

Gabriela Gonzalez

OTHERS PRESENT: City Councilmember Villegas

Chairperson DJ Becker called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2021. Councilmember Robins moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Councilmember Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Discussion and Direction regarding Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget and Proposed Expenditures- Wendy Silva shared that the budget is \$1000 effective July 1, the start of the new fiscal year. The Advisory Council decided not to participate in the 2021 Fair and instead use the funds to support the Save the Space campaign through social media in partnership with Madera PD, advertise the same campaign in the City's newsletter, and purchase more flags as needed. Vice Chairperson Riche volunteered to work with Chairperson Becker on the social media campaign specifics.
3. Discussion regarding City of Madera Cooling Centers and Center Capacity- Interim Public Works Operations Director Dan Foss gave an overview of what the safety measures are, participation, and emergency planning in case there is a power outage.

There is currently one cooling center in the City of Madera. This is less than prior years, with the main reason being there is very little participation, usually about 4-6 people. The City has generators in the event of a power outage and is in the works of purchasing more. If a location has a portable generator it can be a cooling center, even the hospital in the event of an emergency as well as the Police Department, City Hall, Frank Bergon, and Pan Am Center. Dan shared that the generators do get tested and that the department has a response time under an hour, maybe 2 hours on a weekend. Dan offered for anyone to meet with him at Public Works to view and see how the equipment is operated. In the event of an emergency there would be more cooling centers available, and Dan reiterated that the City is well prepared for an emergency.

Chairperson Becker stated that the community does have many elderly and disabled individuals that don't know about the cooling centers and that it should be better publicized.

Councilmember Robbins asked about transportation and what is done in the event of an emergency. Dan said at that point they would use any means necessary, which could include school busses, public transportation, etc.

Chairperson Becker asked Wendy Silva if she had additional information. Wendy advised that the City does have an Emergency Operating Plan. Wendy stated that the City follows the Emergency Services chain under FEMA guidance and any kind of emergency beyond the City's resources would have the City making a resource request to the County, if the County can't meet the need, it goes to the State, and if the State can't meet the need, it then it goes to the Federal government. In general related to emergency preparedness, Cities plan on 3-days as a rule-of-thumb before a higher level agency would likely step in and take over in the case of a major disaster. Chairperson Becker asked how the Advisory Council could review the Emergency Operating Plan. Wendy advised it was a public document adopted by Council and she would send out the link to the item on the website.

4. 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.

Chairperson Becker asked if we received any feedback from UPS regarding their parking. Councilmember Smith stated that he hasn't noticed anymore blockage of the handicapped spaces at the McDonalds. He noticed that cones were put out and a handwritten sign was placed on it indicating not to block

those spots. Wendy advised that the Advisory Council did not receive any response back regarding the letters.

Chairperson Becker would like to standardize the 12 font for City documents. Wendy reminded the Advisory Council that the City currently has a consultant performing an ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan update, and that this includes a review of City accessibility. The consultant will hold public meetings and present the draft report to the Advisory Council before it goes to the City Council for formal adoption.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Accepted,



Diana Rosas
Human Resources Technician II

DJ Becker, Chairperson

Date: 08/17/2021

Date: _____