

City of Madera ADA Advisory Council
Teleconference Meeting
Madera, CA 93637

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, via Teleconference.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

DJ Becker, Chairperson

Cynthia Ortegon

Muhammad Latif

Diana Robbins

Tim Riche, Vice Chairperson

Dennis Smith

Staff

Wendy Silva

ABSENT:

Gabriela Gonzalez

OTHERS PRESENT: Moises; Sally Swanson Architects: Shao Chen, Project Manager; Joshua Klipp, Policy Specialist; and Brandon Guyton, Database/GIS Specialist

Chairperson DJ Becker called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2021. Councilmember Robbins moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Councilmember Latif. Motion passed unanimously.
2. City of Madera Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Project-Sally Swanson Architects. A Presentation was given by Swanson Sally Architects to go over the approach regarding the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the City. They shared what the current process is and stated that once that Evaluation is complete there will be an opportunity for the Advisory Council to review the draft of the report and participate in the second workshop to share and discuss comments and feedback.

The presentation included an introduction of the team who are assisting with the evaluation and plan, a video on what a self-evaluation and transition plan is, a

video on public rights away inventory assessment showing which tools and techniques are being used, and a timeline.

The timeline showed the start date of May 2021 and an anticipated ending date of May 2022.

Chairperson Becker asked if there was a specific location that was chosen to begin the improvements? The evaluators stated that there is no designated area, the whole City will be evaluated, though they did begin Downtown and will go from there. There was a question regarding whether the evaluation will look at all buildings in the City of Madera. It was clarified that the facility surveys will be City-owned facilities, and not facilities owned by other government agencies or private parties. For these facilities, the evaluation starts from the sidewalk and evaluates access to and within the City-owned buildings. This also include doors, ramps, etc. There will also be a non-physical assessment to review websites, font, color, etc.

Sally Swanson Architects anticipate a date of February 2022 to have a completed draft of the Self- Evaluation Plan for the City and public to review and provide comments and feedback.

3. 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.

Council Member Smith and Council Member Ortegon will be participating in the Old Timers Day Parade on September 25.

Chairperson Becker asked for an update on the Senior Nutrition Plan being advertised on the City Newsletter? Wendy stated that right now the City is working with FMAAA and funding to see what can be reopened due to COVID-19. It is her understanding City Manager Rodriguez will be meeting with FMAAA soon regarding this.

Chairperson Becker shared that Walmart's electric wheelchair shopping carts often don't work and would like to send them a letter concerning the issue.

Chairperson Becker would like to advertise the Save the Space campaign for the holiday season and discuss advertisement and budget at the next meeting. She and Vice Chairperson Riche will discuss the geotagging.

Council Member Smith will look into who the distributor of the wheelchair flags is and how they can be obtained.

Chairperson Becker stated that the crosswalk lights in front of Lincoln Elementary are not working properly. Council Member Latif indicated that the striping on Cleveland from Schnoor to Gateway is not visible when driving. Wendy stated that she will advise the Engineering Department and Public Works about these concerns.

Chairperson Becker requested an update regarding the bus stop at Schnoor and National for the next meeting.

Chairperson Becker advised that she spoke with City Manager Rodriguez about accessibility concerns with the doors at City Hall, and that automatic sliding doors may be an option to consider.

Chairperson Becker stated that she is still planning on sending a letter to the County Tax Assessors Office regarding the font size on their billing forms.

Council Member Ortegon asked if the door handle to the Council Chambers can be evaluated as well, it is currently a knob and would be better if it was a handle.

A copy of the Self-Evaluation project timeline will be provided to the Advisory Council.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Accepted,



Diana Rosas
Human Resources Technician II

DJ Becker, Chairperson

Date: 10/19/2021

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