

**City of Madera ADA Advisory Council
City Hall Council Chambers
205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637
Regular Session Agenda
June 21, 2022 3:30 p.m.**

Notice is hereby given that the ADA Advisory Council will hold a regular meeting Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers for the following purpose:

Members of the public may attend this meeting at City Hall. Members of the public may also observe the meeting on Zoom. Members of the public may comment on agenda items at the meeting or remotely through an electronic meeting via phone by dialing (669) 900-6833 enter ID #240 814 5807. When an agenda item you wish to comment on is discussed, press *9 on your phone to virtually raise your hand. Press *6 to un-mute yourself to speak when the last four digits of your phone number or your name is called. Comments will also be accepted via email at hinfo@madera.gov or by regular mail at 205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637.

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Telephone Number: (669) 900-6833
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Roll Call

DJ Becker-Chairperson
Tim Riche-Vice Chair
Cynthia Ortégon
Muhammad Latif
Dennis Smith
Diana Robbins
Saim Mohammad

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The first fifteen minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Advisory Council on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked, but not required, 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 May 17, 2022
2. Introduction of Madera Housing Authority Executive Director Renee Wright and discussion of ADA Advisory Council support to increase housing options for the disabled community – Chairperson Becker
3. Status update: City of Madera Senior Programming and Senior Meal Programs – Joseph Hebert, Director of Parks & Community Services, and Olga Saucedo-Garcia, Recreation/Community Programs Coordinator
4. Progress report on CDBG Sidewalk Improvement Program – Dan Foss, Interim Public Works Operations Director
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.


Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 2022

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of June 21, 2022, near the front entrances of City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 17, 2022.


Jenavie Martin (Jun 17, 2022 12:56 PDT)

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Jenavie Martin, HR Technician II Date

ALL CITY EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

City of Madera ADA Advisory Council
City Hall Council Chambers
205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

DJ Becker, Chairperson

Cynthia Ortégon

Muhammad Latif

Diana Robbins

Dennis Smith

Tim Riche

Saim Mohammad

Staff

Wendy Silva

Jenavie Martin

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Commander Giachino Chiamonte from the Madera Police Department. Matthew Lenhart and Ishmael Gaines from The Arc Fresno/Madera Counties. Nick Benjamin from the California Affordable Housing Agency. 1 member of the public.

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

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Business Matters

1. Welcome and Introduction of New Member, Mr. Mohammad

Mr. Saim Mohammad was introduced as the newest member of the ADA Advisory Council. Mr. Mohammad is a full-time student, real estate agent, and recently appointed to the Planning Commission for District 3. Mr. Mohammad is excited to be on the ADA Council and eager to make a change in the community.

2. Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2022. Vice Chairperson Riche moved to approve the minutes as amended; motion seconded by Councilmember Robbins. All councilmembers voted yes to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Esperanza Village Affordable Housing Project: Housing Units for Seniors and the Disabled (Nick Benjamin, Executive Director, California Affordable Housing Agency)- Mr. Nick Benjamin serves as the Vice Chair at MORES. The Madera housing unit project was subject to an application by the State of California. PCW came in as the developer and built the Esperanza Village units located at C Street and 5th Street in Madera. Mr. Benjamin noted the project was originally known as the, “Downtown Madera Veterans and Family Housing Project.” The development is now known as the Esperanza Village. He stated the original name of the project did not mean it was only intended for or funded by Veterans. This housing development is intended for low-income community members along with Veterans. The project cost approximately twenty-four million dollars. Chairperson Becker said she and Councilmember Ortégón attended the grand opening. They were impressed by the facility and the layout. They got a tour of a studio unit and noticed the building doors were not amenable to wheelchairs or power chairs. Councilmember Ortégón mentioned the back door to the patio in the Veterans building near the playground was too narrow to facilitate wheelchairs or powerchairs. Mr. Benjamin said he would be more than happy to forward the concern over to the builder. He also asked if Wendy Silva could relay the concern to the City Building Department as they approved the plans. Each unit is designed to be 100% adaptable to ADA standards. Each floorplan has 1 fully accessible unit, a total of 4 accessible units. The housing is not limited to seniors only.
4. Review of ADA Report on Hot Spot Traffic Enforcement: 300 block of W. Olive (Commander Chiaramonte, Madera Police Department)- Commander Chiaramonte said the Department’s focus since February 2022 to current has been on crosswalk and school zone safety. Stadium Drive is a critical area because of all the surrounding schools and students walking to and from school. Citation 21950- driver failed to yield to a pedestrian in the right of way is a very common citation. There have been a total of 15 citations in the 300 block of W. Olive from March 8th to May 17th. The Madera Police Department has conducted 8 specific enforcements or hot spots which consists of a minimum of 3 hours and the entire motor team is involved. These enforcements occur during peak hours. The Police Department is preparing to conduct more enforcements and are planning to use decoys. Chairperson Becker commented and said they received a report of a person that was nearly hit at a crosswalk located at Gateway and Central just south of the bridge. Commander Chiaramonte reassured the ADA Council that their voices have been heard and that is the reason why these locations have been included in the hot spot traffic enforcement. Chairperson Becker brought up the idea of plastic bollards like the ones located on Stadium Road. Per Commander Chiaramonte, any requests to change or add bollards to the road can be sent to Engineering. Chairperson Becker asked Commander Chiaramonte if it would be possible to conduct regular patrols at crosswalks. He responded and said it depends on staffing and calls for service, but understands patrols are an educational way to remind the public of the laws set in place to protect pedestrians.

5. Discuss and Provide Feedback to Transit Advisory Board Member Ortégon regarding Transit System Signage and Communication Materials and general Accessibility Concerns (Chairperson Becker)- Councilmember Ortégon met with Program Manager David Huff the morning of May 17, 2022 to discuss bus signage. Mr. Huff mentioned he is open to suggestions that will improve the transit program. Councilmember Ortégon expressed their support in adding digital signage and additional lighting to bus stops. Chairperson Becker asked the ADA Council to culminate ideas from surrounding cities so we can better serve the community members who rely on the bus. Councilmember Ortégon and Chairperson Becker concluded with encouraging the ADA Council to attend the TAB meetings.

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Vice Chairperson Riche shared he is part of the Madera County Workforce Board. The facility is located near the Walmart in Madera off Cleveland and Schnoor. The agency helps individuals find employment and offers virtual/in-person trainings.

Councilmember Ortégon shared that she takes Almond Avenue in Madera to attend their appointments, but it is challenging because of the lack of sidewalks from Monterey Street to Madera Avenue. She will be speaking to the City Manager, Arnolando Rodriguez, to determine if sidewalks will be included in that area. Vice Chairperson Riche mentioned sidewalks would be installed from Madera Community Hospital to West Madera. This would alleviate traffic and create a safer path of travel for pedestrians.

Councilmember Ortégon had additional comments regarding TAB. There have been proposals of service expansions to the following locations: Herndon/99 shopping center, Kaiser, St. Agnes, and Children's Hospital. Route 3 to Madera Community College will be reopening in the Fall of 2022. Additionally, there are proposals to waive bus fees for any person that has a student ID which would include middle school, high school, and college students. Although the Amtrack train station on Road 26 will be moved, there are plans to get a fixed route to the station in the future. Lastly, transit service hours and dial-a-ride hours will be extended to 9:30 p.m.

A member of the public suggested that the bus routes be extended to the high schools in Madera. They also suggested special event buses be made available to the public.

Chairperson Becker concluded the meeting with encouraging everyone to attend the next TAB meeting on May 24th which will be available via Zoom. The public's input along with the Council's input can truly help create an exceptional transit system for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Accepted,

Jenavie Martin
HR Technician II

DJ Becker
Chairperson

Date: _____

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