

**City of Madera ADA Advisory Council
City Hall Council Chambers
205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637
Regular Session Agenda
February 20, 2024 3:30 p.m.**

Notice is hereby given that the ADA Advisory Council will hold a regular meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 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 #864 5765 2165. 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
Meeting ID 864 5765 2165

Roll Call

DJ Becker-Chairperson
Saim Mohammad- Vice Chairperson
Cynthia Ortegón
Jack Porter
Diana Robbins
Gladys Marroquin

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 January 16, 2024
2. Review and approve draft Letter of Support for Madera Police Department (Chairperson Becker)
3. Review and approve draft Letter of Support for increased senior and disabled housing to Senator Caballero (Chairperson Becker)
4. Discussion and approval of events to increase disability awareness during March as Disability Awareness Month (Councilmember Ortegón)
5. Update on CDBG Sidewalk Repair Program (Ismael Hernandez, Public Works Operations Director)
6. Discussion regarding sending a letter of appreciation to City employees who work on sidewalk repairs (Chairperson Becker)
7. Advisory Councilmember Reports

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

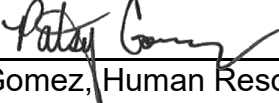
Next Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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 - Questions regarding the meeting agenda or conduct of the meeting, please contact the Human Resources Office at (559) 661-5400 option 8.
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I, Patsy Gomez, Human Resources 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 February 20, 2024, near the front entrances of City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2024.



Patsy Gomez, Human Resources Technician II Date 2/16/2024

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
January 16, 2024, 3:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, in the City Council Chambers. The meeting was also available to members of the public by Zoom video conferencing.

ROLL CALL:

Advisory Councilmember Name	Present
DJ Becker, Chairperson	Y
Jack Porter	Y
Cynthia Ortegón, Vice-Chairperson	Y
Diana Robbins	Y
Gladys Marroquin	N
Saim Mohammad	Y
City Staff Present	
Wendy Silva, Director of Human Resources	
Patsy Gomez, Human Resources Technician II	
Felix Gonzalez, Police Lieutenant	

OTHERS PRESENT: Tori, Naina Zuroki Meyers, Alicas Conley, Madera CHP Officer Ruvalcaba, Mr. Latiff.

Chairperson Becker called the meeting to order at 3:31pm.

Public Comment:

Member of the public, Tori, expressed concerns regarding speeding cars on Mainberry Street near Riverview Dr. and Schnoor Ave. She has called the police to monitor the streets to catch speeding vehicles. She has had animals killed and her husband almost got hit by a car, and has had cars try to pass her as she is pulling in and out of her driveway. She is requesting the City put a stop sign on the street. Member of the public Naina Zuroki Meyers lives in the same neighborhood as Tori. She is concerned for pedestrians and animals in the area for the same speeding issue. She does not want damaged property or injured individuals because of this concern.

Alicas Conley is an advocate for the ARC Fresno/Madera Counties. She came to follow up on progress regarding adult changing tables at Madera city parks.

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of October 17, 2023. Councilmember Porter moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Councilmember Robbins. All council members voted yes to approve the minutes. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Nomination and Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson – Wendy Silva

Wendy Silva stated per bylaws of the ADA Advisory Council, each year in January the Advisory Council is to hold nominations and elections for chairperson and vice-chairperson. Wendy opened the floor for nominations for the position of chairperson for 2024. Councilmember Mohammad nominated himself for chairperson. Vice-Chairperson Ortegón nominated Dj Becker for chairperson. Dj accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented. Councilmember Porter called for a motion to elect Saim Mohammad as chairperson. Saim Mohammad seconded the motion. Jack Porter and Saim Mohammad voted in favor to pass the vote for Saim Mohammad as chairperson. Diana Robbins, Dj Becker and Cynthia Ortegón voted no. The motion failed as there were two votes yes and three votes no. Councilmember Robbins moved the motion to elect DJ Becker as chairperson. Councilmember Porter seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted in favor to pass the motion. Wendy Silva opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson for 2024. Councilmember Porter nominated himself for vice-chairperson. Vice-Chairperson Ortegón nominated Saim Mohammad for vice-chairperson. Jack Porter removed himself from the nomination. Councilmember Robbins moved a motion to accept Saim Mohammad as vice-chairperson. Jack Porter seconded the motion. All council members voted yes to approve the motion.

3. Discussion of ADA Advisory Council areas of focus – Chairperson Becker. Vice Chairperson Ortegón suggests focusing on housing for low income, seniors, and disabled people. Chairperson Becker stated the biggest concern is traffic and pedestrian safety. The committee would like to focus on disability awareness, Old Timer's parade, and the Christmas parade. Councilmember Mohammad suggests hosting community engagement events such as workshops educating the public about services and resources. Social media would be a good way for community outreach.
4. Discussion of ADA Awareness Month and opportunities to raise disability awareness – Vice Chairperson Ortegón. Alicas Conley suggested holding a disability awareness march in March at a cross section that is known to have speeding issues, so the public is aware to yield in that area for pedestrians.
5. Discussion of reflective wristband campaign with Madera Police Department for pedestrian safety – Lieutenant Gonzalez. Lieutenant Gonzalez shared important points about using bright colored clothing when doing outdoor activities at night. This increases a driver's visibility under low lit areas. Chairperson Becker would like for the Madera Police Department to promote reflective wristbands and have them available as resources for the public similar to CHP, and acknowledged Officer Ruvalcava in attendance with said wristbands. Lieutenant Gonzalez will consult with the Chief of Police about this idea. Lieutenant Gonzalez mentioned a distracted driving campaign in April and having funds from the enforcement grants to use for these campaigns. Reference was made to bicycle sharing and the Veteran's Housing complex. Wendy advised the council regarding the tricycles for the bikeshare program. The original grant funding included a bike-share program for occupants of the housing complex. The project has had a slow start as the tricycles that were planned to be bought did not fit in the bike storages that were built, and the storage areas were not ADA accessible when staff

visited the site to kick-off the project. The project is a partnership between the building owners, the City, CAPMC, and Mr. Segala. An alternative storage option was developed and approved by the building owner, and an RFP was published to buy trikes and now the grants department is in process of purchasing them. The apartment complex has agreed to install the storage area that will work with the trikes and the original bike storage will be used for those that currently live there. There will be three tricycles to start the rideshare program. The Madera Police Department will be conducting a training program for special access key storage. Wendy mentioned the trikes will be equipped with helmets and safety equipment.

6. Discussion of sending a letter of support to the Madera Police Department regarding their ongoing grant applications and acquisition of traffic, speed, and intersection cameras for improving pedestrian safety – Chairperson Becker. Staff shared a picture of a gentleman in a wheelchair who Chairperson Becker gave a flag to use during his stroll down the street. Per Chairperson Becker, he was speechless and felt happy he was given a safety tool to use while crossing the streets. Chairperson Becker shared a message from Councilwoman Evans about supporting traffic and pedestrian safety; Mayor Garcia expressed similar support via text as Chairperson Becker was discussing the item. The committee is interested in traffic cameras to be installed in high-risk areas as a deterrent to capture and address speeding concerns. Vice-Chairperson Ortegón shared a story about her mother being ticketed for speeding from being captured on a speed camera which therefore made her stop speeding. Naina suggested conducting a traffic study before cameras are installed to figure out peak hours of traffic. Tori advocated for speed bumps and stop signs on her street to reduce speeding. Councilmember Mohammad suggested a dip instead of a speed bump or stop sign to reduce vehicles speeding due to the vehicle possibly sustaining damages if they hit the dip. Vice-Chairperson Ortegón mentioned speaking with the Engineering department about installing a stop sign where she lives on K St. and 9th. Per Ms. Ortegón, the Engineering department advised there would have to be more than three accidents to consider installing a stop sign.
7. Discussion of regarding sending a letter to Senator Caballero in support of increasing the supply of disability and senior housing – Chairperson Becker. Chairperson Becker shared a moment she and Vice-Chairperson had with Senator Caballero at a Madera Police Department event. Senator Caballero approached them to talk about their priorities and issues. If approved by all councilmembers, they would like to invite Senator Caballero and discuss concerns about senior housing and see if they can get an increase in vouchers from the Federal Government for Section 8. Vice-Chairperson Ortegón shared a story about a 75-year-old lady she knows who needed emergency housing. The owners sold the house she lived in; she was kicked out of her home and placed in a motel off Avenue 12 and 99, so Cynthia helped her move to the apartments behind Perko's Café. The housing authority did not have housing available for the individual.

Councilmember Porter inquired if any action by the Advisory Council as needed or if the current and prior items were informational in nature. Chairperson Becker opened a vote for item No. 6 to send a letter of support to the Madera Police Department on their ongoing grant applications and support of the acquisition of traffic, speed, and intersection cameras for improving public safety. Councilmember Porter seconded the motion, the council all voted in favor. The motion

passed unanimously. Chairperson Becker moved a motion for item No. 7.:sending a letter to Senator Caballero in support of increasing the supply of disability and senior housing. Councilmember Porter seconded the motion, the council all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lateef attended via zoom and shared he is in favor of supporting cameras being installed at intersections for pedestrian safety and commends the council for their involvement.

8. Advisory Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Porter inquired about who writes the Letters of Support the Advisory Council approves at their meetings. It was advised that staff liaison Wendy Silva drafts initial letters per the Chairperson’s language preference, the chair edits, and then they get sent but if the Advisory Council would like to review before they are sent, it can be discussed at the next meeting. Chairperson Becker stated she is in favor of just getting it done so there are no delays.

Councilmembers reported they invited the Housing Authority and Senator Caballero’s assistant, Arturo Ramirez, to the next meeting. Chairperson Becker mentioned she will report a request for a dip to the City Engineering Department.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Accepted,

Patsy Gomez
HR Technician II

DJ Becker
Chairperson

Date:_____

Date: _____