

# ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Minutes



**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 27th, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 P.M.

**Location:** Sun Metro Transit Operations Center at 10151 Montana

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### Agenda Minutes

#### I. Welcome/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm with following members present. Committee introduced themselves, as well as city employees that were present.

Member	Appointment	Present
Manuel Corral	District 1	Absent
Soledad Basoco	District 2	Absent
Michelle Adjemian	District 3	Present
Lori Vugteveen	District 4	Present
Mary Alice Gary	District 5	Present
Mary Castillo	District 6	Absent
Karl Kevin Glancey	District 7	Present
Paul de la Peña	District 8	Absent
George Zavala	Mayor	Present
Julio Perez	Secretary	Present
Omar de la Pena	Legal	Present

#### II. Call to the Public – Public Comment

- Kristen Miller – Concerned that some bus stops are not being used and the public does not know about them. (Kansas & Main, Merrill and Kansas). Planning will get together with her after the mtg to discuss and address.
- Olivia Chavez – She waited and waited at Airway & Boeing bus stop only to find out no bus was going to come (location not currently active). People should be notified. Planning will also speak to her.
- Jose Lara – Announced Volar's program for travel training. If anyone has a need to learn how to ride fixed route, they can help provide training. Montana and Schell – Bench broken and area not accessible.

#### III. Business Items

Approval of Mar 23rd, 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve made by Mary Alice Gary and Lori Vugteveen. Motion passed.

## Discussion

### A. Ponder Park Accessibility Issues

- Michelle Adjemian reported some accessibility issues at Ponder Park.
- Julio Perez addressed the issue with Parks Director and the area not accessible is already being fixed. Also, since an all-abilities park was just installed, another accessible path will be created from the other parking lot.

### B. Discuss accessibility issues at recreational centers

- Mary Alice mentioned that the Multi-purpose center was not quite compliant with ADA in terms of the exercise room. Too tight for someone to maneuver in a wheelchair and also some equipment does not have tactile characters for those who are blind.
- Veronica Myers from the City reported that the exercise room is actually larger than previous one to allow for more room. They have rearranged the equipment to provide more access but will review again (along with the other recreational centers) and will report back with a plan of action to better comply with ADA access.
- Will place again on the agenda.

### C. Update from Sun Metro on project to improve ADA bus stop accessibility

- Frank Benavidez provided a report that the contractor is already getting ready to start working on the highest priority bus stops. They have already received a list and they are reviewing to start work. Frank asked for members of the community to continue to provide locations as they will be addressed as higher priority items.

### D. Presentation on placards for the real-time software.

- Julio Perez presented a sample of the placard that will be used for the real-time software. It includes instructions on how to obtain information on bus arrivals by either scanning a QR code (and immediately taking the user to a web-page with the bus information) or by sending a text message with the words 'SMBUS' and the bus stop number to a Sun Metro number and then receiving a text message with the estimated time of arrival of the bus.
- Sun Metro is changing the way the information is being printed because we're going to be using aluminum placards going forward (the other plastic ones were being vandalized/broken).
- The group was able to review the placard and did not have any additional comments. The braille portion seemed to be difficult to read – but it may have been because it was a sample – Julio will bring back a finished sample once one is completed.

E. Update on funding for sidewalks and curb ramps

- a. Julio Perez reported that the 750K previously allocated for sidewalks and curb ramps is coming to an end. 75 projects have been completed with that funding but there are still over 50 others (and growing) that are pending. More funding is needed and City is already reviewing to see the possibility of allocating more.
- b. Mr. Zavala mentioned to the group and public that people need to let their representatives and the City know about this need so they can provide more funding.

IV. Next meeting Location

- May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 3:00-4:00pm at Sun Metro Operations Center.

V. Adjournment – 4:05 PM