

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes



Date & Time: Thursday, September 24, 2020 from 2:30-4:00 P.M.

Location: 10151 Montana, Sun Metro Operations Center

Agenda Minutes

1. Welcome/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 2:37 pm with following members present. Committee introduced themselves, as well as city employees that were present.

Member	Appointment	Present
Marc Salazar	District 1	Present
Charles Johnson	District 2	Present
Emre Umucu	District 3	Present
Jose Martinez	District 4	Present
Betty Castorena	District 5	
Vacant	District 6	
Josue Rodriguez	District 7	Present
Vacant	District 8	
Vacant	Mayor	
Julio Perez	Secretary	Present
Omar DelaRosa	Legal	

2. Call to the Public - Public Comment

No public comments

3. Business Items - Minutes

Approval of September 24, 2020 City's Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes.

Jose makes motion, Charles seconds motion, all in favor, approved unanimously.

4. Review of ADA sensitivity training that is provided to the City.

Julio Perez speaks to ADA training being mandatory for anyone and everyone who works for the City of El Paso. This training covers broad spectrum from knowing how to speak to someone with various kinds of different disabilities all the way to how to address service animals. Training presentation is available upon request.

5. ADA review of sidewalk and curb cut requirements.

Julio Perez speaks to City laws and regulations on sidewalks and curb cuts. Requirement locally falls under abiding property owner not under the City. Meaning sidewalk section belongs to homeowner and may be for public use. When older homes are/were purchased that were built prior to City Ordinance without a sidewalk, the City cannot go back and demand owner to add sidewalk. In those scenarios where there are no sidewalks, there are various methods to be able to add sidewalks. No federal or local law mandates the whole city needs to have sidewalks all over. Law only states City services needs to be accessible. This means there can be a sidewalk nearby or close by but not in a specific location to access.

6. District 8 & 1 CDBG funding opportunity.

Julio speaks to a possible \$500,000 grant for each of the districts for sidewalks and/or curb cuts. It is very competitive so encourages AAC members to reach out to the public to come forward and bring up these issues/areas of opportunities. Ultimately, it comes down to the areas/cities with the most need. Deadline is end of the 2020 year so requests need to be in by end of November.

7. Opportunity for committee members to request potential items for next months' meeting.

8. Call to adjourn meeting-

Charles makes motion, Jose seconds, all in favor, approved unanimously