

CITY OF EL PASO ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

October 28, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 2:36 PM. The following Committee Members answered to roll call:

District	Name	Present	Absent
Mayor	George Zavala		X
D1	Marc Salazar	X	
D2	Mayra Gabriela Rodarte		X
D3	Michelle Adjemian	X	
D4	Jose Martinez	X	
D5	Beatriz Castorena-Mata	X	
D6	Phillip Thomas Laign	X	
D7	Josue Rodriguez	X	
D8	William J. Ellis		X

2. **Approval of September 23, 2021 Minutes**

Motion made by Beatriz Castorena-Mata, seconded by Marc Salazar, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes for the previous AAC Meeting with Tom Laign and Josue Rodriguez abstaining

3. **Update on concerns regarding medians on Dyer**

Jose Madrid of TXDOT presented on data that lead to the project on Dyer to include medians to improve pedestrian safety. Mid-street intersections are safe havens for walkers.

4. **Legal update – TOMA /AAC Purview**

Asst. City Attorney Juan Gonzalez reviewed all of the rules associated with Texas Open Meetings Act.

5. **Montana between Chelsea & Raynolds – poles in sidewalk**

Effort needs to be made to coordinate with SAM and BP&I regarding sign installation and clearance requirements – meet with City Departments

6. **CDBG Funding Application Update**

District 2 submittals for Byron between Mobile & Memphis, Byron between Louisville & Aurora. District 4 submittals for Wadsworth at Veterans Rec Center & numerous ramps along Wadsworth between Olga and Brisbane

7. **Discussion and Action on Moving December 23 meeting**

Motion made by Marc to move the meeting to 12/2, seconded by Betty. Motion UNANIMOUSLY approved

8. **Next AAC meeting scheduled for November 25, 2021 – discussion and action to reschedule**

November 24 meeting to November 18. Marc motioned to move meeting, Betty seconded it. Josue Rodriguez voted no; others approved.

9. **Public Comment – none**

10. **Opportunity for Committee Members to request a staff report on items of interest over which the Board has authority – Discussion of items announced at this meeting will take place during the next regularly scheduled meeting.**

1) Julio requested a follow-up item on poles in sidewalks

- 2) Tom Laign requested an item to review Texas Accessibility Standards
  - 3) Marc Salazar requested an item on ADA requirements for bathrooms and other buildings, as well as the city transitional ADA plan
  - 4) Josue requested information on how the City will use the Build Back Better funds
11. **Next Meeting** – November 18, 2021
  12. **Call to Adjourn Meeting** at 3:59

Approved by:



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Department Head/Board Secretary