

CITY OF EL PASO ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

September 23, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Meeting was called to order at 2:33 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. **Public comment.**

Marc spoke about the median installation on Dyer Street and requests an update from the City and/or TXDOT.

Julio indicated that many City meetings are going back to in-person, but AAC may continue on ZOOM for now.

3. **Approval of minutes of last meeting held August 26 2021.**

Motion made by Betty Castorena-Mata, seconded by Marc Salazar, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes for the previous AAC Meeting with Michelle Adjemian abstaining.

4. **Discussion on CDBG funding for Districts 2 & 4**

Julio spoke on the community development block grant that allows for federal funding for accessibility (sidewalks and ramps) that are shovel-ready. This year districts 2 and 4 are the focus. The application is due by January 6th, and he requests lists of projects by the end of October. Julio indicated he had already received some project requests from the Representative for District 2.

5. **Presentation Hopelighting stories on accessibility and disability**

Betty Castorena-Mata reviewed the Hopelighting document.

6. **Presentation by Disability Rights of Texas on their vaccination efforts**

Karolina Murguia presented on the Disability Rights of Texas's efforts to vaccinate the disabled, especially the homebound, including an informational flyer. She also indicated that for any questions the City receives regarding accessibility complaints in the private sector, to refer them to (800) 252-9105 or intake.drtx.org. Michelle Adjemian inquired what the requirements are for home vaccinations. Karolina indicated they must be homebound and would set up a clinic if there were 5 or more people. She recommended individuals call (800) 880-8401

7. **Discussion on November and December meeting dates (11/25 & 12/23)**

Currently planning to cancel regular November and December meetings and reschedule to December 2nd.

8. **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.**

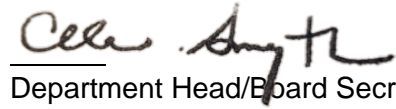
- a) Marc: Discussion on TxDOT medians on Dyer and Cobia
- b) Mayra: Discussion on the price of handicapped parking at UTEP for employees and students – this item falls outside the purview of the AAC.
- c) Jose: Discussion on preventive measures the City is taking to prevent people with disabilities becoming trapped if it floods.

9. Next meeting – 10/28/21

10. Call to Adjourn.

Motion made by Betty Castorena-Mata, seconded by Marc Salazar and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 3:41PM.

Approved by:



Department Head/Board Secretary