



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

ADA Committee

05/18/2023

9:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Americans with Disabilities Act Committee meeting in a hybrid manner (in-person and a method for the public to participate remotely).

Via Zoom: <https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/82854387354>

Meeting ID: 828 5438

Or join by phone: 669-900-6833

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Raj Chahal called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. [23-674](#) Americans with Disabilities Act Committee Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2019 (Councilmember Chahal)

Recommendation: Approve the Americans with Disabilities Act Committee Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2019.

A motion was made by **Chair Chahal**, to Note and File Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2019.

Noted and filed

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

Recording [1:41]

Nothing to report

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Recording [1:55]

Martin Schalter, resident of Santa Clara, requested to have more information in the ADA Meeting Reports. Martin stated that the ones included in the Agenda weren't detailed enough for the public to know everything that was being reported on. Martin also asked for more details on the ADA Transition Plan and who the designated ADA Coordinator was for the City. Martin also had questions regarding the ADA curb ramps that are being worked on throughout the City, suggested a few additional locations, and then asked about funding in relation to those projects.

Craig Mobeck, Director of Public Works, responded by saying that for future meetings, more information will be included in the reports as requested. Craig also stated that more information about the ADA Transition Plan will be presented later in the meeting, as well as future meetings. The Department of Public Works is the designated ADA Coordinator for the City and that department takes the ADA request received from the Public and from there, sends them to the correct department/staff. Craig also commented on the project related to the ADA curb ramps and the funding.

Chair Chahal, responded by saying that we will take a look at the locations Martin mentioned and try to make them a priority. Chahal also stated that staff should look at any other improvements that can be made in the area.

Recording [13:44]

Judy Hubbard, Senior Advisory Commission, reminded everyone about the Health and Wellness Fair taking place from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2023. Judy provided a flyer (see post meeting material) with all of the ADA compliant exhibitors highlighted in pink. Judy also asked for an additional handicap drop off point at Levi's Stadium. The one that is currently there isn't easy to get to and therefore presents issues for those attending the game. This has been brought up before with the City, police offered to pick her up and drop her off closed but Judy would prefer that another drop off location be added so that doesn't have to happen every time for every person.

Craig Mobeck stated that they will reach out in regard to adding an additional location.

Recording [16:22]

Tom Freitas, Commissioner for the Senior Advisory Commission stated that there are several locations throughout the City in which the handicap doors don't open automatically or even after pressing the handicap button. This causes issues for those in need because the doors are quite heavy when you try to open them alone and some people aren't able to do that. The ramps are often also too long or too steep for those in wheelchairs, and some of the handicap entrances to buildings have been closed since Covid and they need to be reopened. Tom also stated that there is not a reliable shuttle resource for seniors to get them to and from the most obvious places within the City. Tom would like the City to look into this issue as well.

Chair Chahal stated that they will take up the issue of the drop off location at the stadium. Also, for Tom to please provide the locations of the handicap doors that are closed and/or not working and the City will make it a priority to get it fixed.

[23-758](#) Post Meeting Material - Sign-in Sheet

[23-746](#) Post Meeting Material - Wellness Fair Flyer

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

6. REPORTS FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION

- A. [23-627](#) ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Project Update

Recording [21:10]

Chair Chahal asked if other cities are required to do this as well, and whether or not we have a portal or a specific email for ADA compliance issues.

- B. [23-628](#) Public Works Verbal Update (Liw)

Recording [38:25]

Martin Schalter commented on Measure B Valley Transit Authority's (VTA) grants for bicycle and pedestrian accessibility projects available for nearby cities. Martin stated that he feels that not nearly enough of the cities are taking advantage of the grants and provided a contact should the City want to get help with applying for those grants to help fund some of the projects mentioned.

Michael Liw, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated that the City does have very active engagement with the VTA and that he sits in as the Vice Chair for the Technical Advisory Committee. The City is very aware of the grants available to them and when it comes to Measure B, the City has applied for quite a few programs. The City is anxiously awaiting the opportunity to apply for more.

Chair Chahal, seconded Michael's statement that the City's engagement with the VTA is active and they are aware of all of the opportunities available to the City. Chair Chahal also sits on the Policy Advisory Committee for VTA. Chair Chahal stated that the City will make sure to continue being informed of any funds available and apply when able.

- C. [23-629](#) Parks & Recreation Department Projects Verbal Update (Teixeira)

Recording [47:10]

Tom Freitas mentioned that he feels there has been an ongoing problem at Eddie Souzas Park and that it is not ADA compliant. The portable restrooms provided are not accessible. It has been in a problem state for quite some time and he would appreciate if the City were to make it a priority to update it.

Craig Mobeck stated that there was a fire recently and that the City is working to rehabilitate that park.

- D. [23-630](#) Traffic Engineering Verbal Update (Liw)

Recording [1:01:44]

- E. [23-631](#) Stadium Verbal Update (Liw)

Recording [1:16:12]

F Other Staff Reports

7. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next meeting: TBD

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