

City of Pacific Grove
ADA Compliance Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 25, 2006

Meeting Time/Place: 6:00 p.m., City Manager's Conference Room
Pacific Grove City Hall

Members present: Carmelita Garcia, Chair; Sue Renz, Vice-Chair; Bob Davis, Secretary; Pat Herrgott, Wayne Johnson, members. Lisa Bennett, City Council Representative
Vacancies: 1

Staff: Douglas Rick, ADA Coordinator

Members of the Public: Sally Herrgott; John Miller, Recreation Director; Celia Perez Martinez, Public Works Supervisor

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Attendance.
 - b. Members of the public introduced themselves

2. **Presentations**
 - a. **Services Provided by California Telephone Access Program** — Pakou Cha described the mission of CTAP, the services provided by the organization and showed telephone instruments available to clients with hearing impairment.

 - b. **Services Provided by The Blind & Visually Impaired Center for Person with Hearing Impairment** — Robin Whiteley reported on hearing and communication technologies available to persons with hearing and mobility disabilities.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – The Minutes of September 27, 2006, were approved unanimously on a motion by Renz/Johnson.

4. **Oral Communications** - None.

5. **Correspondence** – None.

6. **Staff Report** – None.

7. **Old Business**

- a. **Curb Ramp Priority Policy.** Celia Perez Martinez, Public Works Supervisor, presented the Curb Ramp Priority Policy developed by the Public Works Department. Policy priorities are as follows: 1) Remove and reconstruct unsafe curb ramps; 2) Install ramps where none now exist; 3) Install ramps in response to newly identified needs; 4) Identify areas that present installation difficulty and devise solutions for ramp installation; 5) Reconstruct curb ramps that are usable but do not meet current code. The ADA CAC voted unanimously to recommend that the Curb Ramp Policy be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

Committee member Renz left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

- b. **Curb Ramp Inventory.** The inventory conducted by ADA CAC members is complete. Celia Perez Martinez reported that the Public Works Department will enter and update curb ramp locations using a GIS system. Identification of ramps that need repair/replacement will be handled on a complaint basis
- c. **Parking Plan for Persons with Disabilities.** Celia Perez Martinez reported that parking places reserved for the Disabled have been relocated at the Post Office and in front of the Passion Fish restaurant. Lack of Public Works crew to complete the work of installing Disabled parking spaces has slowed progress on this project. As soon as the Public Works crew finishes installing Christmas lights on Lighthouse Avenue they will return to work on marking Disabled parking spaces

in the downtown area. Next on the installation priority list are Disabled spaces at the cemetery. Slope problems have made installation of ADA compliant Disabled spaces difficult in a number of locations originally identified as possible sites for Disabled parking spaces. Chair Garcia reported that she found no place where an additional Disabled parking space could be added safely on Central Avenue in the business block between Eardley and Dewey Avenues.

- d. **Status of MST Bus Stop at the Golf Course Clubhouse.** No new information to report.

- e. **ADA Issues at new low-income senior apartment complex (Vista Point Apartments at Pacific Grove).** Chair Garcia reported that the Traffic Commission, of which she is a member, approved at its meeting of October 10, 2006, a proposed plan to locate a Disabled parking space in a portion of the present Loading/Unloading Zone in front of the building. Rick reported that the next step will be to design the space so that it is both ADA compliant and permits adequate drainage of rain runoff. He described the range of design and construction issues involved.

The traffic issues on Briggs Avenue will be kept on the ADA CAC agenda.

- f. **Status of ADA Long Range Plan.** No report

- g. **City's ADA Plan.** Sub-committee member Herrgott reported that materials have been selected for inclusion in the plan and that they are in the process of being reviewed by sub-committee member Renz. She hopes an initial draft of the plan will be available for Committee review at the next meeting.

8. New Business

- a. Crosswalk at 19th Street and Sunset Drive.** Chair Garcia reported that CalTrans will realign and re-stripe the pedestrian crosswalk at 19th Street and Sunset Drive. The Traffic Commission on October 10, 2006, heard and approved the realignment plan. It is the City's responsibility to provide curb ramps at both ends of the crosswalk. A standard ADA accessible curb ramp can be installed on the high school end of the crosswalk (West) but because of curb and gutter configuration and utility poles on the residential end (East) a standard curb ramp cannot be installed there. Recreation Department Director Miller observed that the present crosswalk is heavily used by student both at the High School and the nearby elementary school. He further observed that because of the angle of the sun in the morning which blinds drivers, the crosswalk presents some inherent dangers. However, its location has been determined by CalTrans. Public works is seeking a solution for accessible access to the East end of the crosswalk. The ADA CAC will continue to receive reports on the progress of the project.
- b. Parking for Disabled signs.** Chair Garcia reported that since there is no wording on the universal signs indicating parking for persons with disabilities, it will not be necessary to change the wording on any of the present signs.
- c. Proclamation.** Chair Garcia circulated to the Committee the City Council proclamation recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
- d. Election of Officers.** Chair Garcia reminded that Committee procedures provide for nomination of officers at the January meeting with elections to take place in February.

e. Combined Meeting for November/December.

Because of the coming holidays, the ADA CAC members agreed to combine the November and December committee meetings. The combined meeting will be held on December 13, 2006, the second Wednesday of the month.

- 9. Announcements** – Committee member Davis commented that the City Hall courtyard was unlighted at 7:15 on the night of the ADA CAC meeting as was the case on the night of the City Council meeting of October 18. This lack of lighting presents a distinct safety hazard which will be worse when daylight savings time ends in October. Moreover, at 7:15 p.m. on October 25, the restrooms were locked as were the doors leading into the building, even though a public meeting was in progress in the City Manager’s Conference Room. He commented further that it was clear from their reactions and comments that persons with hearing disabilities seated at the rear of the Council Chamber at the last Council meeting were unable to hear the proceedings. John Miller stated that he had checked the sound system during the meeting and it was working properly. He suggested that persons speaking from the public podium were not using the microphone properly as was the case with some City Council members who spoke off mike. Committee members suggested that signs be placed at microphone locations requesting that speakers speak directly into the microphones. Doug Rick and Celia Perez Martinez said they would see that the lighting situation was corrected.
- 10. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m., the Committee having completed its agendized business.

Bob Davis, Secretary

Documents relating to this meeting are available in the Committee File in the Community Development Department.