



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: [Civic Center Plaza](#)
[1200 Third Ave](#)
[4th Floor Conference Room](#)
[San Diego, CA 92101](#)

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Agenda

- Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call
Meeting called to order at 10:43 with Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry, Members Roosen, Jackson, Landon, and Koczur present. Absent are Chair Wolford and members Zuno and Cooluris.

- Item 2: Non-Agenda Public Comment
None

- Item 3: Approval of the draft minutes of April 10, 2024
Member Landon moved to approve with Member Roosen seconding; passed unanimously with Chair Wolford and members Zuno and Cooluris absent.
- Item 4: Information Item: California Coastal Commission Staff Statement regarding Poured-in-Place Playground Surfaces (Alejandra Warner, Access Specialist, Sustainability and Mobility Department, City of San Diego)

Ms. Warner presented current available options for playground surfaces and how accessibility and fall attenuation requirements apply to designing playground surfaces.

Upon reviewing the De Anza Playground project, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) stated concerns about the potential environmental impact of Poured-in-Place (PIP) due to shredded tires composing the base layer. CCC stated that one of the approved materials is engineered wood fiber (EWF) which is:

Processed wood ground to a fibrous consistently, randomly sized, approximately 10 times longer than wide and not to exceed two inches long. Not to be confused with wood chips.

CCC requested the City explore a hybrid option of poured-in-place and EWF to minimize the potential environmental impact.

Board members commented on how important wheelchair accessibility is at playground for all user of the playground – both children and adults/parents/grandparents.

Members Roosen and Koczur will draft a letter to CCC regarding important of PIP for AAB approval at its next meeting. Ms. Warner will provide for details to them about the CCC studies on environmental impacts of PIP. City Parks and Recreation, and Engineering and Capital Projects staff continue to meet and discuss playground surface options internally.

- Item 5: Action Item: Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Discussion
Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry said this discussion dovetails into the scope of the Disability Advocates Ad Hoc Committee. She requested the Port of San Diego's list of disability groups, the Port is providing her the list this week. She stated the board should revamp and shorten their slide deck for Council for the upcoming FY26 lobbying efforts. All Councilmembers supported ADA in their budget memos, so there was positive reaction to the Committees efforts..

- Item 6: Ad Hoc Committee Updates & Reports
- a. Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Wolford, Sieglen-Perry, Koczur, Zuno)
Discussed in Item 5.
 - b. Disability Advocates – Outreach & Recruit Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Wolford, Jackson, Koczur, and Roosen)
Member Koczur brought up an idea on creating an educational program for schools and others to build knowledge about disabilities and ADA, and build support for ADA within the City and City budget. She will build out the idea a bit more and discuss at the next meeting.
 - c. Day with a Disability Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Roosen, Sieglen-Perry)
Member Landon said it went very well and good relationships were built through the event. Very positive feedback from those who participated. Discussed if the event should be scheduled for regular dates twice a year or once per year; will discuss at next meeting. He mentioned that an issue was discovered: when on one-way street the accessible space should be on the right side so the wheelchair lift deploys on the sidewalk portion and not into the street.
- Item 7: Chair Report
None.
- Item 8: City Liaison Report
Ms. Curtis and her staff will be at the 2024 ADA Symposium in Minneapolis during the schedule June 12 board meeting; board moved June meeting from June 12 to June 5.
- Item 9: Old Business
None
- Item 10: Board Comments or Announcements
- Item 11: Adjournment
Adjourned at 12:06 PM

Next meeting: June 5, 2012

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