



**Regular Meeting  
Accessibility and Disability Commission  
Tuesday, November 28, 2023  
5:30 P.M.  
Jackie Robinson Community Center  
1020 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103**

**Members**

Andrea Jennings, Chair, District 7  
Michael Warner II, Vice Chair, District 5  
Andrea Totten, District 1  
Casey Jagusch, District 2  
Patricia Herrera, District 4  
Janie Lynn Heinrich, District 6  
Vacant, Mayor  
Vacant, At Large  
Vacant, District 3

**Staff**

Sara Goldman, Accessibility and Disability Coordinator  
Alex Souto, Recording Secretary

**Mission Statement**

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1. **Call to order**
2. **Roll call**
3. **Public comments for items not on the agenda**
4. **Approval of minutes**
  - October 24, 2023\*
5. **New business**
  - Information Item**
    - Presentation by the Health, Wellness, and Inclusive Community Ad Hoc Committee regarding a comprehensive list of accessible features that can be used in the development plans for building or remodeling homes, apartments, office buildings, City facilities or public places that that will provide accessibility to individuals with visible or invisible disabilities
  - Action Item**
    - Discussion and approval of Robert Gorski Access Award Nominations Criteria/Process
6. **Old business**
  - Information Item**
    - Commission work plan and presentation calendar updates and discussion\*
7. **Reports/comments from the Chair**
8. **Comments from Commissioners**
9. **Staff comments**
10. **Upcoming meeting agenda items**
11. **Adjournment**

\*Attachments



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Andrea Jennings, Chair  
Accessibility and Disability Commission

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**Draft Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Accessibility and Disability Commission  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

**Commissioners Present:** Andrea Totten, Patricia Herrera, Casey Jagusch, Andrea Jennings, Michael Warner II

**Commissioners Absent:** Janie Lynn Heinrich

**Staff Present:** Sara Goldman, Alex Souto

**1. Call to order**

Vice-Chair Warner II called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**2. Roll call**

Staff (Souto) called the roll, and a quorum was established for the Commission. Commissioner Herrera arrived at 5:36 P.M.

**3. Public comments for items not on the agenda**

- Cy Estabrook spoke promoting the upcoming Adaptive Sports Festival that will take place on Saturday, November 3, 2023. Mr. Estabrook also commented on his past work as an Accessibility and Disability Commissioner, highlighting past Commission achievements. Mr. Estabrook expressed his interest in joining the Commission again in the future.
- Mike Cowan (District 3) spoke about the challenges he experiences in finding accessible street parking on Colorado Blvd., particularly considering the increase in outdoor/on-street dining areas. Mr. Cowan also expressed his interest in joining the Accessibility and Disability Commission.

**4. Approval of minutes**

After review, it was moved (Warner) and seconded (Totten) to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023, regular meeting. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Jennings, Warner II, Jagusch, Herrera, Totten

Absent: Heinrich

**5. New business**

**Information Item**

- Finalize the time, date, and location of the December 2023 regular Accessibility and Disability Commission Meeting

- After review, it was moved (Jagusch) and seconded (Totten) to cancel the December 2023 regular Accessibility and Disability Commission Meeting. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Jennings, Warner II, Jagusch, Herrera, Totten  
Absent: Heinrich

### **Action Item**

- Discussion and approval of 2023-2025 Capital Improvement Project Submissions
  - Project topics for 23-25 CIP submission include:
    - Public Right of Way Improvements; including sidewalk improvements near bus stops, curb ramps and curb cuts, street lighting improvements near public transit, etc.
    - Expansion of free City Wi-Fi; propose to focus expansion efforts in areas with higher concentration of people with disabilities, older adults, limited income families, and school-age children.
    - Wayfinding and increased directional signage; including increased signage indicating accessible routes, multi-lingual, tactile, and pictorial signage.
  - Additional topics discussed included:
    - Physically inclusive and/or sensory friendly playgrounds
    - Construction of accessible EV charging stations/lots

After discussion and review, it was moved (Jagusch) and seconded (Totten) to approve the submission of the above CIP proposals by the ADA Oversight ad-hoc committee of the Accessibility and Disability Commission. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Jennings, Warner II, Jagusch, Herrera, Totten  
Absent: Heinrich

- Discuss and approve updates to Accessibility and Disability Commission Brochure for distribution at 2023 Adaptive Sports Festival

After discussion and review, it was moved (Herrera) and seconded (Totten) to approve the updates to the Accessibility and Disability Commission Brochure. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Jennings, Warner II, Jagusch, Herrera, Totten  
Absent: Heinrich

## **6. Old business**

- **Commission work plan and presentation calendar updates and discussion**

After discussion, it was moved (Herrera) and seconded (Totten) to approve the Work Plan and Presentation Calendar for September 2023, as discussed.  
(Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Jennings, Warner II, Jagusch, Herrera, Totten  
Absent: Heinrich

Commissioner Jagusch departed at 6:18 P.M.

**7. Reports/comments from the Chair**

New John Kennedy Pool at Robinson Park Recreation Center includes zero-entry access for greater accessibility.

**8. Comments from Commissioners**

None

**9. Staff comments**

None

**10. Upcoming meeting agenda items**

Discussion and approval of Robert Gorski Access Award Nominations  
Criteria/Process

**11. Adjournment**

It was moved (Herrera) and seconded (Totten) to bypass items 7-10 and adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned in honor of breast cancer survivors, as well as all those who have been impacted by breast cancer at 6:40 P.M.



**City of Pasadena Accessibility and Disability Commission  
Work Plan: 07/25/2023 – 06/25/2024**

**Mission:**

The purpose of the commission is to advise the council on accessibility issues in Pasadena. The commission shall:

1. Study and examine: (a) existing inequities in access to the physical, work, communication, civic involvement, social and cultural environments for all residents of Pasadena, particularly those who have disabilities, and (b) policies, procedures, programs, and legislation for eliminating those inequities.
2. Recommend policies, procedures, programs, and legislation to promote and ensure the accessibility of the physical, work, communication, civic involvement, social and cultural environments to all residents of Pasadena, particularly those who have disabilities; and
3. Consult and cooperate with other public agencies and commissions on matters relevant to the commission.

**FY 2023-2024 Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Ad Hoc Committee re: Objective #1 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Oversight**

**Ad Hoc Committee re: Objective #2 – Outreach and Education**

**Ad Hoc Committee re: Objective #3 – Health, Wellness, and Inclusive Community**

## **Ad Hoc Committee re: Objective #1 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Oversight**

Objective Purpose: Advise and inform the City Council on accessibility issues

Commissioners: Jagusch (co-lead), Totten (co-lead), Jennings

### **Action Items:**

- Provide input on accessibility improvements in the public right-of-way and bike lanes, including identifying priority locations for the installation of curb ramps.
- Support and promote the annual Adaptive Sports Festival.

### **Work Plan Updates**

July 2023:

- The Adaptive Sports Festival has been confirmed for Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Brookside Park. Sara Goldman is working with Eric Lomeli and Triumph Foundation to plan the festival.

August 2023:

- Commissioner Jagusch provided the following updates on the action items for the objective:
  - The City will be requesting public comment on the North-South Greenways project in Fall 2023 and recommended the Commission receive a presentation from the Department of Transportation regarding an update on the project prior to the date for public comment. The Commission will make a recommendation in January 2024 on the accessibility improvements in the public right-of-way and the installation of curb ramps. She requested the Commission receive a presentation from the Department of Transportation regarding an update on the current accessibility improvement projects.
  - Reminded the Commission of the date for the Adaptive Sports Festival and to plan on assisting on the day of the event at the commission table to share information about the work of the Commission with the community.

September 2023:

- Chair Jennings shared comments from Cy Estabrook regarding the upcoming Adaptive Sports Festival, and reminded Commissioners to plan on assisting on the day of the event at the commission table to share information about the work of the Commission with the community. Chair Jennings reminded Commissioners to invite their respective Councilmembers to the ASF.
- Commissioner Jagusch has been approved to speak on behalf of the Commission at the 10/10/2023 meeting of the Municipal Services Committee regarding the North-South Greenways project.

October 2023:

- Commissioner Jagusch provided the following updates on the action items for the objective:
  - Municipal Services Committee discussed “All Ages and Abilities” design criteria for North-South Greenways on 10/28/2023
  - Reminded the Commission of the date for the Adaptive Sports Festival and to plan on assisting on the day of the event at the commission table to share information about the work of the Commission with the community.
    - Staff Goldman to send sign-up information for Commissioners for ASF tabling

November 2023:

**Status:**

## **Ad Hoc Committee re: Objective #2 – Outreach and Education**

Objective Purpose: To encourage the Commission to connect and engage with other commissions and community organizations to help implement accessibility measures and education throughout the City.

Commissioners: Herrera (Lead), Jagusch, Jennings

### **Action Items:**

- Nominate, select, and recognize the Robert Gorski Access Award recipient.
- Support the Civitan event honoring employers of people with disabilities and disseminate information about employers supporting the hiring of people with disabilities.
- Table at a minimum of three community events to increase awareness and visibility of the Accessibility and Disability Commission.
- Attend City of Pasadena and other commission meetings to inform and educate about accessibility and disability related considerations and promote inclusion of individuals with disabilities. Report to the Commission on accessibility topics discussed and knowledge gained at the meetings.
- Promote awareness of the Department of Rehabilitation “Demand Side Initiative” and EmployAbility grants for businesses to support employment for individuals with disabilities.
- Continue to support iBook Club of Pasadena including dissemination of monthly newsletter.

### **Work Plan Updates**

July 2023:

- Chair Jennings reported that E.R. Ruiz was honored as the recipient of the Robert Gorski Access Award for 2023 at the City Council meeting on Monday, July 17. Staff (Goldman) introduced Mr. Ruiz and spoke about his advocacy for burn victims.
- Commissioner Herrera provided the following update on the EmployAbility Grants webinar:
  - The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.
  - The flyer for the webinar will be sent to the Commission once it is finalized and requested the Commission distribute the flyer to their networks.
  - The ad hoc committee has contacted the local Department of Rehabilitation office to encourage their support and attendance at the webinar.

August 2023:

- Commissioner Jagusch provided the following updates on the action items for the objective:

- The ad hoc committee will begin to review the criteria and nomination process for the Robert Gorski Award and present the information to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.
- Announced the Annual Pasadena Civitan Reception recognizing local businesses committed to hiring individuals with disabilities is on Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. at AbilityFirst, Pasadena.
- Encouraged the Commission to attend the Planning Commission Study Session regarding the Lamanda Park Specific Plan on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. This is a good opportunity to learn about development plans in the City and provide public comment to promote inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the plans. The Commission received an email on Monday, August 21 with more information about the meeting.
  - Chair Jennings reported she assisted at the commission table at Assemblymember Chris Holden’s Annual Community Resource Fair and Block Party on Saturday, August 5, 2023, and shared information about the work of the Commission with the community.
  - Commissioner Herrera reported 50 local businesses have registered for the EmployABILITY Grants webinar scheduled for Thursday, August 24, and encouraged the Commission to register for the event to learn more about the program.
  - Commissioner Warner II reported he attended the iBook Club virtual meeting on Monday, August 14, with 15 participants in attendance. During the meeting the participants shared their favorite music recordings in a variety of media formats. The Commission will be sent the iBook Club newsletter with information about the virtual meeting scheduled for September 11.

#### September 2023:

- Reminder regarding the Annual Pasadena Civitan Reception recognizing local businesses committed to hiring individuals with disabilities is on Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. at AbilityFirst, Pasadena.
- Chair Jennings stated that the ad hoc committee will begin to review the criteria and nomination process for the Robert Gorski Award and present the information to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.
- Commissioner Herrera reported that the Employability Grant Webinar was successful, with recording available through the City’s Economic Development web page. Commissioners would like to follow up with DOR regarding outcome reporting including numbers of applications and successful grant awards by webinar attendees.

#### October 2023:

- Commissioner Herrera provided the following updates on the action items for the objective:
  - Staff and Commissioners shared experiences from the Annual Pasadena Civitan Reception honoring Pasadena Humane, Armstrong Nurseries, Chuck E. Cheese, Huntington Dining Services, and YMCA of the Foothills

for their commitment to hiring and accommodating individuals with disabilities. Commissioners voiced appreciation for Civitan, AbilityFirst, and Villa Esperanza.

- The ad hoc committee will continue to review the criteria and nomination process for the Robert Gorski Award and present the information to the Commission at the November regular meeting.
  - Commissioner Herrera stated that the committee intends to propose keeping nominations limited to commissioners only, rather than opening nominations to community organizations or individuals.
- DoR will post individuals who have applied and/or received EmployABILITY grant funds following the Pasadena workshop.
  - Commissioner Herrera hopes for the Commission to sponsor additional, similar workshops in the future.
- Commissioner Warner II reported he attended the iBook Club virtual meeting on Monday, October 9, with 8 participants in attendance. The topic was “Unusual Places People Live”. Participants discussed interesting places they have lived in the past. Next month, the iBook club will meet on November 13 at 3 pm. The topic will be “Explorers”, with a presentation from a rocket scientist.

November 2023:

**Status:**

## **Ad Hoc Committee re: Objective #3 – Health, Wellness, and Inclusive Community**

Objective Purpose: To prioritize accessibility measures in public safety, housing, and community health.

Commissioners: Heinrich (Lead), Warner II, Jennings

### **Action Items:**

- Facilitate communication with Pasadena Public Health Department regarding best practices pertaining to authentic disability inclusion.
- Work collaboratively with Department of Housing to increase availability of affordable and accessible housing.
- Ensure a training program that prioritizes accessible measures in public safety is added to the current public safety training manual.

### **Work Plan Updates:**

July 2023:

- Chair Jennings reported that the ad hoc committee is developing a comprehensive list of accessible features that can be used in the development plans for building or remodeling homes, apartments, office buildings, City facilities or public places that that will provide accessibility to individuals with visible or invisible disabilities. A draft of the list will be presented to the Commission at a future meeting and requested the Commission gather suggestions for features to include on the list from friends, family, and individuals within their networks.

August 2023:

- Commissioner Heinrich reported the ad hoc committee met on Monday, August 21 and discussed ways the Commission can assist in educating the community about the need for affordable and accessible housing.
- The ad hoc committee recommends the Commission receive a presentation from Ethan Wolferman, Senior Homeowner Advisor, Cottage ADUs, regarding the importance of accessibility in Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).
- Commissioner Herrera reported she will contact Jennifer Estep, Training Coordinator, Pasadena Police Department, to request an update on the recommendation to implement mandatory crisis intervention training for all police officers to improve police interactions with people with disabilities and provide an update to the Commission at the September meeting.

- Staff (Souto) reported he will follow up to arrange the presentation for the Commission from Ron Takiguchi, Building Official, Planning and Community Development Department regarding an update on the City's Prototype Design Options for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).
- Commissioner Heinrich recommended the Commission receive a presentation regarding state and local building codes pertaining to accessibility in residential housing.

September 2023:

- Commissioner Herrera reported she will contact Jennifer Estep, Training Coordinator, Pasadena Police Department, to request an update on the recommendation to implement mandatory crisis intervention training for all police officers to improve police interactions with people with disabilities and provide an update to the Commission at the October meeting.
- Commissioners strongly urged staff to advocate for response and follow-up regarding the previously submitted housing recommendation letter. Commissioner Heinrich advocated for a presentation regarding state and local building codes pertaining to accessibility in residential housing.
- Staff (Goldman) reported that she will offer a training for Pasadena Police Department regarding rules and etiquette surrounding service animals, following dissatisfactory interactions between officers and community service dog handlers at the recent MobilityDog Poodle Palooza event at Central Park.

October 2023:

- October Meeting will be adjourned in recognition of survivors, and all those impacted by Breast Cancer.
- Staff provided council district liaisons with the housing recommendation letter policy items (1 and 4) and are working with Planning department and Housing department staff regarding items (2) and (3). Staff encourage commissioners to follow up with their council district liaisons directly. Tentative presentations regarding ADUs, state and local building codes pertaining to accessible residential housing, and housing department grants for accessible/affordable housing have been added to presentation calendar.
  - Staff provided commissioners with opinion from State Attorney General to state and local building departments regarding responsibilities/requirements and authority pertaining to accessible housing.

November 2023:

**Status:**



## Accessibility and Disability Commission Presentation Calendar FY 2023-2024

To be scheduled:

- Presentation from Planning and Community Development Department regarding an update on the City's Prototype Design Options for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) – Ron Takiguchi, Building Official (Staff)
- Presentation from a local arts organization that offers art classes to children with disabilities – Presenter TBD
- Presentation from Department of Transportation regarding an update on the current accessibility improvement projects - Presenter TBD (Staff)
- Presentation regarding state and local building codes pertaining to accessibility in residential housing - Presenter TBD (Staff)

July 2023:

- None

August 2023:

- None

September 2023

- Presentation regarding the City's policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards – Sara Goldman, Accessibility and Disability Coordinator
- Presentation regarding the importance of accessible Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) – Ethan Wolferman, Senior Homeowner Advisor, Cottage ADUs

October 2023

- None

November 2023

- None

December 2023

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January 2024

- (tentative) Presentation from Department of Transportation regarding the North-South Greenways Quick-Build projects – Presenter TBD (Staff)
- Presentation regarding California Assembly Bill 2449 and City of Pasadena policies related to in-person and virtual meeting participation/attendance – Danielle St. Clair, Deputy City Attorney, City of Pasadena

February 2024

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March 2024

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April 2024

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May 2024

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June 2024 - Annual Meeting

(updated October 4, 2023)