Present: Adrianne Pomeroy, Staff Liaison, ADA Coordinator
Bonnie Denis, Chair
Holly Simione, Commissioner
Katie Milton, Commissioner
Lian Guertin, Commissioner

Guests: Brian C. Postlewaite, Temp. Secretary, Director of Engineering
Kate White, Mobility
Heather, Closed Captioner
Henry Edward Hardy
Ginny Alverson, PTAC-Vice Chair

Note: Due to COVID-19 Shutdown, all attendees were remote via Zoom Meeting.

General
- Brian’s three-year term on the Commission expired in December, but can be an associate and renominated to Commission for a second term.
o Lian nominated Brian for a second term on the Commission. Unanimous approval. Bonnie will write letter to mayor to support nomination.

o Bonnie nominated Brian to be an associate member of the Commission. Unanimous approval.

o Bonnie motioned for Brian to serve as temporary secretary for this meeting. Unanimous approval.

Chair’s Report
- Received records request from the City.
- Brickbottom Vision Report was published; commission should review and comment.

Coordinator’s Report
- Training for public meetings will be held soon. The training will also include the other RSJ Commissions.
- Board of Public Health will be meeting soon on COVID vaccine requirements.

New Business
- Draft Public Outdoor Seating process document was issued. Commission discussed draft and offered the following comments & questions:
  o Include ISD and/or ADA Coordinator on all reviews regarding table layout.
  o If state does not allow Parklets with alcohol, could other restaurants have parklets? [Answer determined after meeting, included for reference: Restaurants without alcohol licenses could still construct parklets. However, state extended temporary outdoor seating regulations that allowed alcohol licensed restaurants to have parklets.]
  o Clarify clear passage width of 60” is required no more than every 200’.
  o Clarify where the 48” and 60” clear passage widths are required.
  o Account for sidewalk surface conditions, especially where walkway is routed around sidewalk seating.
- SCPD requests to be able to comment and/or approve outdoor seating licenses.
- Requests that barriers and/or separation between tables be required, similar to the first year of outdoor seating. Many people with disabilities are unable to avoid walking down the street & sidewalk and thus cannot reasonably avoid people sitting adjacent to the sidewalk eating.
- Outdoor seating has increased the travel time of many people with disabilities.
- Brick sidewalks in Davis Square remain a large problem that is exacerbated by the outdoor seating.
- Clarify maximum slopes (1:12 & 8.3%) and the level landing size (60”x60””) and the maximum gap tolerance (1/2”).
- Outdoor routes to private outdoor seating should be accessible.
- Provide accessible toilets.
- Request increasing accessible seating from the 5% minimum required by MAAB to 20%. People with disabilities are disproportionately susceptible to COVID and should have increased ability to eat outside if they choose.
- Require restaurants to provide a reservation system for accessible seating.
- Request 60” sidewalk width everywhere.
- Provide the fees and violation time frames. Describe the 311 complaint process.
- Provide metal bridge plates between parklets and sidewalk covering any gap and the granite curb, which is often a non-compliant surface.
- Require all ramps and/or accessible curb ramps to be in good repair.
- Provide more loading and/or accessible parking spaces if outdoor seating (parklets) will occupy general parking spaces.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting; approved unanimously.