

**FINAL MINUTES**

**TOWN OF CORTE MADERA  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 9, 2009  
CORTE MADERA TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Commissioners Present: Chair Robert Czeck  
Barbara Becker  
Ted Meyer  
Stuart Tanenberg

Staff Present: Town Manager David Bracken  
Public Works Director/Town Engineer Dan Ring  
Recreation Director Mario Fiorentini

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Czeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Introductions

Introductions were made.

3. Open Forum for Non Agenda Items

There were no comments.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. July 13, 2009
- b. September 14, 2009

M/s, Tanenberg/Meyer to approve the minutes of July 13, 2009 with a notation that some of the discussion was missed due to the poor quality of the tape.

Ayes: All

M/s, Meyer/Becker, to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009 as amended.

Ayes: All

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

M/s, Meyer/Becker, to elect Commissioner Tanenberg as Chair.

Ayes: All

M/s, Tanenberg/Meyer, to elect Commissioner Becker as Vice-Chair.

Ayes: All

6. Old Business

- a. Tamalpais/Corte Madera Avenue Overlay Plan Review

Town Manager David Bracken presented a brief staff report. He stated they were going to expand the project (ramps only) to include the area around the Recreation Center along Tamalpais Drive. Commissioner Becker stated there was a request for a curb ramp in the bus zone and she was not sure why they should spend any money on doing curb ramps on Tamalpais Drive that would not be used. Town

Manager Bracken stated this would include not only the curb ramps at the intersections but also the path of travel from the parking lot. The accessible stall would get revised along with the path of travel up to the front doors. The area referred to by Commission Becker was not part of the plan. He stated the plans would be reviewed by the Commission before they go out to bid. Details for each ramp location would be developed including existing and spot elevations. These ramps could not completely comply with all the standards and they are looking at some deviations. The ramps could be subject to challenge and ramps outside of specifications would require a hardship statement prepared by the Town. They plan to go out to bid in February or March with construction starting in the spring. Commissioner Meyer asked if the layout of grades in the park area has been pretty well figured out. Town Manager Bracken stated “yes” and added they hired an excellent surveyor. Commissioner Meyer asked if they could review the plans at the next meeting. Town Manager Bracken stated “yes”.

b. Higgins Landing Boat Dock Update: Report on Planning Commission on October 27

Town Manager Bracken presented a brief staff report. He stated the project was still in the design process with the Department of Boats and Waterways. The Town is also going through an environmental process. Chair Tanenberg stated he would like to leave this item on the agenda. Commissioner Tanenberg asked if the funding for this project was locked in. Town Manager Bracken stated “yes” and admitted this was an unusual grant. Commissioner Meyer asked Recreation Director Fiorentini if the Recreation Department had any plans for the new dock. Recreation Director Fiorentini stated the department would certainly advertise the new dock as a recreational facility and talk about the opportunities it would present. He has spoken to the Department of Boats and Waterways about a marketing plan. He is not sure if they are going to create any programming for the facility any time soon. He noted they have offered sailing and kayaking lessons in the past.

c. Skaff Update on mediation conference on November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Town Manager Bracken presented a brief staff report. He stated he spent a day last week in the Federal Building with Mr. Skaff and the attorneys. He is not optimistic and saw no indication that Mr. Skaff wants to mediate this issue whatsoever. Nor did the mediator and the mediation continues. Commissioner Meyer asked how the mediator is chosen. Town Manager Bracken stated the individual is chosen by the court. He does not think the mediation would be successful. He stated the lawsuit basically asserts that all right-of-ways are a “program” and the Town needs to create programmatic access. Commissioner Becker asked if this could go to a jury trial. Town Manager Bracken stated “yes”. He noted no dates for continuation have been set.

d. High Canal Path safety barrier next to new, open drain grate

Town Manager Bracken presented a brief staff report. He stated the grate would be raised about 4 inches to eliminate the drop. The work would be done by the Public Works Department crew within the next two weeks.

e. Police station project progress

Chair Tanenberg stated the Commission would like to be made aware of any ADA issues regarding the new Twin Cities Police Facility. Town Manager Bracken stated there were no issues to date and it is designed to be fully compliant. Chair Tanenberg stated the Commission would like to look at the plans. Commissioner Becker had questions about the portables that would temporarily house the Police Department. Town Manager Bracken stated they decided to lease an office building on Paradise Drive instead.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of current status to replace AAC Commissioner

Town Manager Bracken stated several individuals took out applications but none have been submitted to Town Hall. Staff has re-advertised for the position.

b. Plan to have involvement with other Town Commissions or Committees

Chair Tanenberg stated the Commission held a joint meeting with the Traffic Advisory Committee last year and they are open to jointly meeting with other committees. Town Manager Bracken stated it might be a good idea to meet with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Chair Tanenberg asked when the Parks and Recreation Commission meets. Recreation Director Fiorentini stated they meet on the fourth Monday of the month. Commissioner Becker asked if other departments had experienced ADA issues. Town Manager Bracken stated they do not get a lot of complaints. Commissioner Becker stated she would like people to come to the AAC with any questions, concerns, issues, etc. Chair Tanenberg stated he would like to make sure that the complaint form is made available to the public. Town Manager Bracken mentioned that there was a proposal to renovate the patio at the Recreation Center and the Commission should take a look at the plans. It would be funded by donations. Recreation Director Fiorentini stated the project would be presented to the Commission at their meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Czeck stated he would attend the meeting.

c. Explore development of new sub committees

Chair Tanenberg stated this item could be combined with the next.

d. Possible field projects for AAC to visit

Commissioner Czeck stated he would be willing to field visit locations as a test of existing conditions or proposed improvements. Chair Tanenberg noted they need to be careful not to have more than two Commissioners in the field together due to the Brown Act. Town Manager Bracken stated the Recreation Center patio project is a perfect example of what the Commission should be looking at.

e. Recreation Program accessibility issues by Mario Fiorentini, Recreation Director

Recreation Director Fiorentini presented a brief staff report and gave an overview of the Department and the Recreation Center activities. The Recreation Center is a multi-functional facility and the biggest challenge pertains to storage. Chair Tanenberg asked if staff has had to address any issues surrounding accessibility of programs, services, and facilities. Recreation Director Fiorentini stated not recently, but four years ago there was a problem regarding the bathrooms at the Recreation Center. The problem was corrected. He briefly discussed the Summer Playground Program, the Kid's Club, and the incorporation of the Neal Cummins Gymnasium and San Clemente Park into the department programming. Chair Tanenberg asked how many of the participants have disabilities. Recreation Director Fiorentini stated they had approximately six or seven children attending the Summer Playground Program with special needs. Chair Tanenberg asked if they were still offering the field trips for adults. Recreation Director Fiorentini stated "yes".

f. Lakeside Avenue project update

Chair Tanenberg stated this item ties into Old Business item #D, High Canal Path, and was already addressed.

8. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Becker stated there is a sign in her neighborhood regard a street overlay project and she asked what streets were involved. Town Manager Bracken stated this is a slurry seal project and includes Tamal Vista and a portion of Casa Buena. This is being paid for by Federal Stimulus Funds.

9. Adjournment

Chair Tanenberg stated the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.