

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
October 16, 2024

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Ann called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: Steve Capps, Ann Hennessey, Val Shatraw, Daisy Hughes

Staff: Kaley Lyons, Transportation
Jim Ramsey, Risk Manager / ADA Coordinator

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3.0 APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

None

4.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

4.1 SUBJECT: eBike Lending Library

Kaley said the City received a grant to fund an ebike lending library. Currently the City has 20 ebikes and etrikes that can be rented from the City. 315 people have requested to rent one so far. Kaley is looking to get feedback on the potential for adding accessible ebikes to the fleet. She said that we have step through frame ebikes, but there are other options available. She said the City could obtain a hand-cycled ebike. She said there's also recumbent ebike or etrike. There are also tandem bikes constructed to be adaptable where the front rider pedals. There are also ebikes that have someone in front that is similar to a wheelchair configuration with the rear rider pedaling. Ann stated that the committee would go in turn to ask questions. Val started by asking if the City applied for the state grant. Kaley said it's technically from the Federal Highway Administration. Steve stated that it'll depend upon who is using the bike, so he suggested the City do a survey to figure that out. He also said it's hard to transport accessible ebikes and that there be lights on the bikes. Kaley stated that they do have to have lights among other things. Steve stated that Laid Back Cycles in Fair Oaks is very active in accessible ebikes. He thought the City would be able to serve the greatest number of people with a recumbent bike. Daisy said she thought a survey would be beneficial. Kaley stated that she could utilize the DAC constant contact mailing list for a survey. Ann stated that on Elk Grove Blvd around Highway 99 would be a dangerous place for those riding any kind of bike. Steve mentioned that he goes on trails because of the dangers of riding on the streets. Kaley said the City is continuously working on improving the City's trail network to provide off street routes for bikers. Val stated that those with hearing difficulties can get in dangerous situations while riding. Kaley replied that more trails will help keep more bikers safer. Steve said there may need to be targeted training for City ebike users with disabilities. Val said neon vests can be very valuable for safety purposes while riding. She said maybe visibility should be mentioned when lending out ebikes. Steve asked if the City provides helmets and Kaley said the City does have rental helmets that are sanitized. Daisy asked where the bikes are picked up. Kaley said at 8401 Laguna Palms Way. Val asked if the City modeled its program after any other programs. Kaley had information from several different programs that was used to help develop the City's program. Kaley said the City's rental program allows for reservations, which helps those with disabilities. Steve asked if there's any plans in helping people get their bikes home. Kaley said not at the moment and that many people renting are getting dropped off at the

City then riding home. The committee agreed that a bike event allowing people to test out the accessible bikes would be beneficial.

5.0 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

None

6.0 COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Ann adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

_____ *Ann Hennessey* _____

ANN HENNESSEY, MEMBER
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

_____ *J Ramsey* _____

PREPARED BY:
JIM RAMSEY, RISK MANAGER / ADA COORDINATOR