



**CITY OF HELENA  
ADA Compliance Committee  
September 15, 2026, 1:30 p.m.**

**Recording Available Upon Request**

**Members Present:** Jacob Krissovich, Deborah Lane, Mike Bassett, Sean Logan, Soren Koford, Fran Viereck

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Anne Pichette, April Sparks, David Knoepke, Kate Perrodin, Tyler Wock, Patrick Marron

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**(0:00:00)** The meeting was called to order. A quorum was established and everyone introduced themselves.

**Minutes**

**(0:03:42)** Minutes of the March 17, 2026, meeting were approved with the correction of a typo.

**Regular Items**

**A. ADA Concerns/Complaint Status Report**

**(0:04:30)** Staff noted that there had been no complaints received between the May meeting and the cancelled July meeting. Between the July meeting and the current meeting, one complaint had been received related to the city charging for parking for ADA spaces in the Downtown, as well as there not being enough ADA parking spaces on the street in the block that includes Jackson St, W Broadway, and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Staff went over the investigation on the complaint noting that state law allows local government to exempt ADA parking from being charged for parking but does not require it. The City of Helena is allowed to charge for accessible parking. There was still time in the 30 day appeal period, so if the individual requests a reconsideration in that time it will come before the Committee at their next meeting. It was also noted that it was confirmed that there are two accessible on-street parking spaces on that block and is only required to provide one accessible space based on the count and survey done by Transportation Systems. Director Knoepke gave some background information on why the City has chosen to charge for accessible parking spaces detailing a previous complaint of people "camping out" in the accessible spaces when the City did not charge for parking in those spaces. There was some additional discussion on the



history of paid parking and residential parking and property owners providing permits to tenants. Staff also noted possible next steps for the Committee.

#### **B. Parks, Recreation and Open Lands Department Update**

**(0:20:05)** The committee was given a brief update from various members of the Parks, Recreation and Open Lands Department staff on various projects being undertaken by that department.

#### **Public Comment**

**(0:34:15)** The meeting was opened to public comment. There was no comment.

#### **Member Communications / Proposals for next Agenda**

**(0:34:42)** The next scheduled meeting date was noted as being November 17, 2026. Staff encouraged members to recruit anyone they know who would be interested in joining the Committee as there are open seats. There was a question about Code Enforcement from the Committee, Director Knoepke addressed the Committee about the progress with that issue. Ms. Pichette also noted that the City Clerk and Commission is starting to review the City's Boards and Committees, and that could be a possible topic for the next meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

**(0:49:29)** Meeting was adjourned.