

**ACPD's Built Environment Working Group Meeting
Notes**

July 2nd, 2024

Virtual Teams Meeting

4:00PM – 6:00PM

Members in Attendance: James Kemp, Hargun Kaur

Also in Attendance: Cristina Geissler

Members Absent: Paula Kilburn, Lance Dingman, Cara Hernould, Michael Opuku-Forfieh, Levi Janosi

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of July 2nd Agenda: Agenda was approved.

3. Sidewalk Patios and Bypasses w/ Cristina

Geissler: Chair began by enquiring about the patio licenses and what they might look like. Cristina explained that this year's permits aren't really displayable as they contain personal information, but next year they are planning on making a displayable

version for passersby to see. They are available to see upon request.

Chair shared some images of the sidewalk bypass on James St. Chair raised issue with signs being placed on the sidewalk, but Cristina reassured him that this was early on and that issue has been resolved, that she noticed it herself and actioned the change. Chair commended the patio company “Pop Up Patios” for making several changes over the past two years. The wayfinding is especially helpful around confusing areas such as the fire hydrant in the middle of the patio space. There are some cane detection strips on the sidewalk area, but Chair asked if the aluminum strips mounted approximately 1-2 inches off the ground on the outside wall of the bypass are meant to be cane detectable. Cristina will inquire and get back to us on that. Chair then had to appreciate the sturdiness of the new design, explaining that he was pleasantly surprised when he tested it and actually drove back over it again to make sure it worked well in both directions.

We then reviewed other patio types, Chair using the “Simply Italian Bakery” patio as an example of accessibility issues not being assessed before approval. Chair asked if there was anyone on the approval team that has accessibility training and there

is not. Chair asked if we could recommend someone review any sidewalk patios/bypasses to ensure accessibility is being addressed. Cristina agreed it was a sensible idea and asked us to put forth any recommendations for the 2025 season by November 1st.

Chair also pointed out issues he had spotted with the on street patios that front directly on the sidewalk. Restaurants are not always concerned about the seats spilling onto the sidewalk taking up the throughway. Cristina will review this matter with restaurants that have on street patios.

4. Other Business: We reviewed a series of images taken by Chair. We will review them again when staff are present.

5. Adjournment