

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
MEETING MINUTES
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: City Council Government Center, Room 9081

Council Members Present:

Daniel Strones
Karen Cushnyr
Sean King
Jane Volkmer (by telephone)

City Staff Present:

Patricia Padrino, Assistant City Attorney and ADA Coordinator
Danyel Mayer, Paralegal and minute taker

Members of the Public:

Lisa McNiven
*There was at least one other member of the public present

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Member Strones at approximately 6:35 p.m. with four council members participating. Member Strones directed the meeting. Members Smith, Loehman and Martinez were not in attendance.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Cushnyr moved to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Member King seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

ITEM 3: INTRODUCTIONS

Member Strones asked that everyone in attendance take a moment to introduce themselves.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM 5: ADA COORDINATOR REPORT - PATRICIA PADRINO

Ms. Padrino had nothing new to report at this time.

ITEM 6: CULTURAL SERVICES DEPT. – SHELLE SANCHEZ AND/OR HAKIM BELLAMY

Discussion on this topic was tabled since nobody from Cultural Services Department was present.

ITEM 7: ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- A. Member Strones moved to table discussion on electing a new acting Chair for the council until the next meeting, and Member Cushnyr seconded the motion. The motion passed. Member Smith is still the acting Vice Chair.

- B. Member Volkmer discussed her frustrations with Sun Van Paratransit Services. Member Volkmer would like Sun Van to offer same day service for emergency situations. Sun Van currently requires riders to make their reservations three to five day in advance. Member Volkmer contacted City Councilor Cynthia Borrego, who said she would look in to this request. Member Volkmer also contacted 311 to report this issue. Member Strones recommended inviting the Transit Department to a future meeting to discuss Sun Van issues.

ITEM 8: NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS

Member Cushnyr suggested that if anyone could not make it to an upcoming meeting, or intended to participate at the meeting by telephone, to send an email to all the council members instead of communicating this information through Ms. Padrino or Ms. Joseph. Everyone agreed that this was a good practice.

ITEM 9: PARKS & RECREATION – DAVID SIMON, DIRECTOR

Before there was a quorum and before the meeting was officially called to order by Member Strones at 6:35 p.m., an informal discussion was held with City of Albuquerque's Parks & Recreation department director David Simon. Director Simon explained that he has now been the director of the Parks & Recreation department for 1.5 years, and making the City's parks compliant with the spirit and letter of ADA is very important to him.

Parks & Recreation has hired independent contractor Hope Reed to do ADA audits on some of its facilities. Ms. Reed is a top notch auditor, and she will start her auditing in July 2019.

Member King showed Mr. Simon a photo of a sidewalk on the corner of Morris at Matheson Park that he believes is not ADA compliant. Mr. Simon took note of this sidewalk, and he will see if there is some action that can be taken by Parks & Recreation department. If not, this issue may be better addressed by the Department of Municipal Development.

Member Cushnyr asked Mr. Simon about any improvement plans for the Balloon Fiesta Park. Mr. Simon explained that the City only budgets about \$500,000 per year for projects at this facility, which is only enough to cover one project at a time. To really address some of the bigger needs at this facility, the City would need to make a \$20-30 million dollar investment. The Balloon Fiesta's 50th anniversary is coming up and Mr. Simon has already suggested to the Mayor that improvements be made at this facility before this event. The State Legislature did recently awarded \$7 million in funding to the Balloon Fiesta Park but that money is for traffic control projects only.

Member Strones suggested that the ADA Advisory Council do a site visit to the Balloon Fiesta Park. Mr. Simon is happy to coordinate a visit to the park with the council members.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Daniel Strones, Member

Date: _____