

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 5:30pm at City Council Committee Room, 9th Floor, Suite 9081,
One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM

Members Present: Lisa McNiven, Peggy Chong, Terri O'Hare, Karen Cushnyr

Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Transit: Bruce Rizzieri, ABQ Human Rights/ADA: Annabelle Romero, Julie Luna from Bernalillo County, Hess Yntema from city of ABQ Legal dept.

Members of the Public: Coby Livingstone

Call to Order and Introductions: Meeting called to order at approximately 5:45 pm

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Lisa McNiven made a motion to approve the February 2017 Minutes and Agenda, Terri O'Hare seconded approval.

Presentations

Bruce Rizzieri from Transit was available to discuss the ABQ transit mobile app and ADA access. Peggy Chong had feedback as a blind user of the app that it is not accessible and discussed bus passes on transit and other ideas for accessibility.

Karen Cushnyr mentioned Section 508 of the ADA required tech and internet/mobile communications from municipalities have to be ADA accessible. The RFP and contract language was mentioned as something for the ADA Council to review.

Peggy brought up ramp and safety issues from ART construction and curb ramps. A site visit to one of the already constructed station platforms was mentioned and Bruce Rizzieri said he would get back to the Council.

Lisa McNiven mentioned ART in terms of Deaf culture and accessibility. An intersection at Central and Tramway is used by several Deaf/Blind pedestrians who live nearby and Lisa asked if a vibrating signal pole could be installed for their use.

Julie Luna, a transportation planner was a presenter/speaker from Bernalillo County. Julie brought two handouts for everyone to have copies of regarding standard curb ramps and the items

on them to be measured as she works on the County’s ADA Transition Plan. Julie also passed out copies of a Guide for an ADA Inventory for Pedestrian Infrastructure in Public Rights-of-Way. Unfortunately we did not have enough time to cover every page of Julie’s presentation materials. We look forward to Julie’s future presentations.

Comments from the Public:

Coby Livingstone is a blind woman using a white cane who has recently moved to AVQ from Santa Fe and she was interested in exploring what the city’s ADA Council covers. We welcomed Coby to the meeting and the city.

ADA Council Discussions:

Terri O’Hare reported on her involvement with the first meeting with the consultants on the ADA Transition Plan for NMDOT. Apparently only NMDOT and DMD is doing an ADA Trans Plan, other city departments like Transit, Parks and Rec and others are not currently doing Transition Plans and audits.

Membership applications being delayed

Many members discussed the continued problem of very slow (3 month to 6 months) application approvals by the administration’s staffers. The work on this issue has continued from the April meeting until the May meeting. Members are frustrated at a lack of accurate and timely responses from all levels of city administrative staff including Gilbert Montano, Giselle Alvarez, Carmen Ortega, and Councilors who have been copied on emails such as Dan Lewis and Klarissa Pena. Members are planning additional methods for communicating effectively on this issue.

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ADA access in Civic Plaza renovations	Review plans for access in all spaces		

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ART transit stops access	Assure ADA access along ART construction		
4-Way Stop Signs - no lights downtown	Advocacy on getting lights back on critical intersections	Lisa McNiven	
Planning Workshop for ADA Council	Our planning retreat, when, where, etc?		
City of ABQ ADA Transition Plan updates	Status of the consultant's work and public meetings coming up	DMD-Ron Romero/Terri O/Gabe	
Parks & Rec Bosque Trail grand opening 'celebration'	A grand opening of the 3 Phases of 'accessible' trails in bosque	Terri emailed P&R director Barbara Taylor and staffers asking to keep ADA Council involved	P&R staff to advise/respond when date is

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Mobile app for bus transit needs to be ADA accessible for blind, low vision users	The mobile app that was developed for the city is not useable by the blind community	Bruce Rizzieri was going to get back to the ADA Council. Peggy Chong involved. Karen Cushnyr involved. Peter Ames is mentioned as a contact/consultant.	Has Mr. Rizzieri responded? Status of issue is?
Vibrating signal/Walk pole for deaf/blind pedestrians at Central and Tramway	A request for a ‘vibrotactile’ type of signal for blind/deaf pedestrians was discussed	Lisa McNiven and _____ to pursue this issue.	

Issues for Follow up by Members:

Other issues to add?

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm by a motion from Peggy Chong. It was seconded by Lisa McNiven. The meeting minutes from April 4, 2017, have been prepared and approved by:

Chairperson: Karen Cushnyr _____ Date _____

Secretary: Terri O'Hare _____ Date _____