

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

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: City Council Government Center, Room 9081

Council Members Present:

Lisa McNiven, Vice Chair
Daniel Strones
Karen Cushnyr (by telephone)
Sacheen Smith
Sean King
Matthew Loehman

City Staff Present:

Adam Leuschel, Assistant City Attorney and ADA Advisory Council Attorney
Torri Jacobus, Managing Assistant City Attorney for Office of Civil Rights
Patricia Padrino, Assistant City Attorney and ADA Coordinator
Winter Torres, Deputy City Attorney for Policy
Danyel Mayer, Paralegal

Members of the Public:

Karissa Guerra

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McNiven at approximately 5:45 p.m. with six council members participating. Chair O'Hare was not in attendance.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Member Loehman made a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Member King seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Member Strones moved to approve the meeting minutes from the March 5, 2019 meeting and Member Loehman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

ITEM 3: INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair McNiven asked that everyone in attendance take a moment to introduce themselves.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT

Karissa Guerra inquired about reduced bus fares for blind persons, and whether an individual who was legally blind without glasses would still qualify for the reduced fare if they wore their glasses during the bus ride. Mr. Leuschel suggested Ms. Guerra reach out to the transit advisory board and/or paratransit advisory board. Member Strones recommended calling 311. Ms. Padrino suggested filing a complaint using the City's complaint form which is on the City's website.

ITEM 5: ADA COORDINATOR REPORT: PATRICIA PADRINO

Ms. Padrino said she received a complaint related to parking. The complainant is concerned that accessible parking at the library is not close enough to the door. Ms. Padrino is following up with a few City departments to make sure there is adequate parking in Civic Plaza, and to make sure accessible parking spaces are close enough to the entrance.

Ms. Padrino explained that the FAA will be doing a compliance review of the Albuquerque Sunport. Ms. Torres heard from Chief Administrative Officer Lawrence Rael that it had been about 10 years since the last compliance review by the FAA. Ms. Padrino provided the FAA compliance review team with the ADA Advisory Committee members' names and email addresses so they could be contacted regarding ADA compliance issues. Ms. Padrino was not sure who the FAA compliance review team will contact or when.

Ms. Padrino mentioned that the Senior Games will be held in Albuquerque in June this year, and she wants to make sure the ADA Advisory Committee is aware. Ms. Torres explained that the City Attorney's office, along with a few other City offices, is working on putting together a workgroup to identify and discuss ADA issues in the immediate downtown area prior to the Senior Games. Ms. Torres asked if any of the ADA Advisory Committee members would be interested in participating in her workgroup. Members Smith and King said they would be willing to help. Ms. Torres will get these members' contact information from Ms. Padrino.

ITEM 6: ITEMS

- A. Pedestrian Crashes and Deaths. Member Smith explained that the local news reported that pedestrian crash related deaths are up this year. Member Smith is interested in inviting the Chief of Police to a future meeting to discuss crosswalk safety. Ms. Torres explained that the City is currently looking in to what it can do for pedestrian safety. The City tried to pass a pedestrian safety ordinance but it is on hold while litigation is ongoing.

- B. Connection with the DD/DI Community. Member Smith is still trying to make contact with someone at UNM to discuss DD/DI community connection. She was able to contact Barbara at DPC, and they are booked up until the end of April. Barbara said that she could have someone come from the ADA Advisory Committee come to talk to their group after April.

- C. ADA Access Reviews by GDC for the City/Binders. Discussion on this topic was tabled.

- D. Review Draft of Cultural Services Tour Document. Discussion on this topic was tabled.

- E. 2nd Annual Board Planning Retreat/Workshop. Member King explained that the event was calendared for April 13, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a lunch break in the middle. Member King explained that a meeting location had not been decided on. Vice Chair McNiven said they will defer to Chair O'Hare for information on the retreat/workshop meeting location, and she also reminded everyone that sign language interpreters would be needed. Ms. Padrino reminded the committee members that they would need to post notice of their meeting at least 72 hours in advance.

ITEM 7: NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Ms. Torres recently met with representatives from AARP to discuss immediate and long term solutions to approach ADA issues and senior needs - which often align. Ms. Torres needs some help locating grants that could help fund ADA compliance projects in the City. She currently uses her law clerks, but she would greatly appreciate grant locating assistance from any of the interested committee members.

Member Cushnyr inquired about a full-time ADA coordinator for the City, and Ms. Torres explained that the position was open but that the City still needed to get funding before it could fill that position.

Member Smith said she was recently invited to the museum to do a last minute site tour. The museum had an exhibit that included an audio descriptive tour that they wanted her to try out. There were a few glitches but once they figured everything out the site visit was really enjoyable.

Member King talked to people at Restoration Pizza about doing a site visit. There was a tentative site visit set up for April 1, 2019, but there was no follow up confirmation from Nathan at Restoration Pizza. Vice Chair McNiven will follow up with Chair O'Hare on this matter.

Member Strones explained that he is doing research for a discrimination complaint that is being filed against the New Mexico Environmental Department for not translating their materials for Spanish speaking persons. Member Strones would also like to see the New Mexico Environmental Department add screen readers to their website to make it accessible to the visually impaired.

ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Lisa McNiven, Vice Chair

Date: _____