

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Planning Meeting: Saturday February 17, 2018 10 am to 2 pm

Albuquerque Art Museum Board Room
2000 Mountain Rd. NW; Albuquerque, NM

Members Present: Lisa McNiven, Terri O'Hare, Karen Cushnyr, Mike Renaud, Peggy Chong, Daniel Strones

Members Absent: Sacheen Smith

City Staff Members Present: none

Members of the Public: Thomas Sanchez

Call to Order and Introductions: Meeting had a quorum. The meeting began at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Peggy Chong spoke about her recommendations for the ADA advisory council: These included asking the City council / Mayor who we as a Council are responsible to. By December 2018 have an ADA Policy and Procedure for application to City Council and Mayor. Peggy states that we need to be of particular help not adversarial.

Daniel Strones spoke about his recommendations for the ADA advisory council: these included a focus on education and possibly meeting with the UNM Regents. Issues with police were another topic of concern. What accommodations are the police making for persons with disability? Standard sobriety tests are of concern.

Karen Cushnyr spoke about and went over the ADA Advisory Council Ordinance. Karen would like to see work on By-laws and rules; Operating procedures; and completing the task of the 3 person advisory panel of persons with DD as defined by our Ordinance.

Lisa McNiven spoke about wanting to clarify email and communication practices as a council. Wants to minimize problems and issues as it relates to communication. Lisa would like Mayor Keller to attend one of our meetings in order for us to ask and hear what Mayor Keller wants as a vision for this council.

Lisa would also like a process for follow-up and interface when departments present to us or contact us for input.

Public comment was held at 12:30pm: Thomas Sanchez commented about the Route 66 signs and will the City be keeping these.

Mike Renaud spoke about the need for By-laws. Mike emphasized the need to be unified. Mike also spoke about the IG's report and need for a complete Citywide assessment of ADA violations. Mike would like a formal letter to the Mayor and City Council to demand an ADA Coordinator. Mike would like to continue with Outreach and Education with a focus on getting more people to attend our meetings and participate in the process.

Terri O'Hare spoke about using the IG report to advocate for the needs of our council and the greater community. Terri wants to involve other community organizations; a unified front to make a statement. Terri would like to know how we could impact the county through ADA where it intersects with the city. Present to Mayor that our council needs to dovetail on other groups events. Wants to exceed the minimum ADA regulations not just meet them.

Action: Mike Renaud will draft letters to Mayor and City council for review at March 6th regular meeting of the ADA advisory council.

Motion made by Karen and seconded by Mike to hold an ADA Advisory council retreat within the next 3 months. Session will be used to work on by-laws, policy and procedures and council dynamics. Length of meeting to be determined, but will need to either be held in the evening or on a Saturday. Date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

Minutes submitted for review by Karen Cushnyr, Chairman.

Minutes approved: signed _____ date _____