

## Americans with Disability Advisory Council Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

### Council Members Present:

Travis Davis, Chair  
Pamela Britton  
Matthew Loehman  
Kerry Houlihan

### City Staff Present:

Leigh Brunner, Assistant City Attorney  
Jordan Vargas, Title II ADA Coordinator  
Crystal Velarde, Minute Taker  
Allyson Zahm, BioPark Guest Services Manager

### Council Members Not Present

Diane Mourning Brown, Vice-Chair

### Members of the Public

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Karen Cushnyr

- I. **Call to Order**
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:41 pm with Chair Davis and members Houlihan, Britton and Loehman.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Member Loehman moved to approve the agenda, and Member Houlihan seconded the motion. Other council members unanimously approved the motion.
- III. **Approval of February 1, 2022, Minutes**
  - a. Member Houlihan moved to approve the February 1, 2022, minutes and Member Loehman seconded the motion. Chair Davis, and members Houlihan and Loehman voted in favor; Member Britton abstained. Minutes were approved by majority vote.
- IV. **Introductions**
  - a. All who were present introduced themselves.
- V. **Public Comment**
  - a. Public comment was provided during Ms. Zahm's presentation.
- VI. **Presentation with Allyson Zahm, Guest Services Manager, ABQ BioPark**
  - a. The BioPark is currently working on acclimating the cats to service animals. This will allow those using service animals to visit the catwalk. The Albuquerque BioPark team is working with animal experts as well as individuals who utilize service dogs at this time. They are hoping to introduce miniature horses as well.
  - b. The BioPark is also working on a renovation plan for the Children's Fantasy Garden at the Botanic Gardens.
  - c. The Albuquerque BioPark is an accredited organization of the Association of Zoos.
- VII. **Discuss Sub-Committees for a Vote**
  - a. Member Loehman moved to table discussion till April and Member Houlihan seconded the motion. Other council members unanimously approved the motion.

**VIII. New Business and Announcements from Members**

- a. The Council discussed inaccessible parking at a local restaurant, and how to address these issues through the City of Albuquerque's Office of Civil Rights.
- b. Member Britton inquired about the abilities of the Council.
- c. Council reviewed ABLE Accounts.
- d. Once the Council returns to in-person meetings Ms. Vargas will make sure the meeting room is ADA accessible. Member Britton will also have her husband check the parking garage.

**IX. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

**The next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2022.**

*Travis Davis*  
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Travis Davis, Chair

5/12/22  
Date