

Americans with Disability Advisory Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Council Members Present:

Matthew Loehman, Chair
Travis Davis, Vice-Chair
Daniel Strones

City Staff Present:

Adam Leuschel, Assistant City Attorney
Jordan Vargas, ADA Coordinator
Crystal Velarde, Minute Taker

Council Members Not Present:

Sean King
Kaatje van der Gaarden

Members of the Public

Doug Lewis, Technical & Safety Director with
the Adaptive Sports Program, Special Guest
Nat Dean
Karen Cushnyr
Nicole Finch

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:44 pm with Chair Loehman, Vice-Chair Davis, and member Strones.

II. Approval of Agenda

- a. Member Strones moved to approve the agenda, and Vice-Chair Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by other council members.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Tabled, will be voted on at the next meeting.

IV. Introductions

- a. All who were present introduced themselves.

V. Public Comment

- a. There were no members of the public when this agenda item was called. Therefore, there was no public comment.

VI. Discussion on Handicap Placards with the City of Albuquerque

- a. The City of Albuquerque was issuing tickets to people who had out of state placards under an old city ordinance. The ordinance had not been enforced until recently. However, the City is working on amending the ordinance after it was brought to the attention of City Council President Borrego at the last meeting. The City has currently stopped ticketing for out of state placards while the amendments are under review. The proposed amendments state the placard only has to be current and displayed properly in the vehicle. The amended ordinance is scheduled to go before City Council on June 7th for a vote.

VII. Discussion with Adaptive Sports Program Technical & Safety Director Doug Lewis

- a. Adaptive Sports Program of New Mexico (ASPNM) has been around since 1985. They offer therapeutic recreational activities to children and adults with disabilities. Mr. Lewis explained on their website people can stay informed by

signing up. Once someone signs up, ASPNM will send them updates on events they have selected. People can sign up at <https://www.adaptivesportsprogram.org/>. ASPNM has about 300 participants for the winter and 150 to 200 participants during the summer.

- b. Events at ASPNM include:
 - 1. Winter events: snowboarding, and skiing at Pajarito, Santa Fe & Sandia Mountains.
 - 2. On the fourth Friday of each month ASPNM offers adaptive climbing night at Stone Age Climbing Gym in Albuquerque.
 - 3. Four large lake events:
 - 1. June 4-6, 2021 at Elephant Butte
 - 2. June 25-27, 2021 at Taos Junction Bridge
 - 3. August 6-8, 2021 at Ute Lake
 - 4. September 10-12, 2021, at Navajo Lake
 - 4. An annual Black-Tie Gala, where ASPNM features an adaptive athlete

VIII. Discussion on July 6, 2021 City of Albuquerque ADA Advisory Council Meeting

- a. Governor Lujan-Grisham will be speaking at the July meeting. Chair Loeham will be submitting questions to the Governor's office prior to the meeting and is asking all questions be submitted to him by June 25, 2021. Questions can be emailed to him or submitted via Facebook. He also would like to encourage people to ask questions related to individuals with disabilities.
- b. At the July meeting the Council will be holding elections for the upcoming year. Chair Loehman encourages all Council members to apply and remember as Council members they represent the needs of all people with disabilities.

IX. New Business and Announcements from Members

- a. Member Strones shared his birthday is June 2nd.
- b. City Council has two appointments listed on their June 7th agenda for the ADA Advisory Council. Once appointed this will fill the vacancies.
- c. Mr. Leuschel would like to do a refresher course on the Open Meetings Act and meeting decorum at the August meeting. If members have questions or specifics they would like to cover they can email Mr. Leuschel or let him know at the July meeting.
- d. The City is revising its social media policy (administrative instruction 2-25) to include boards and commissions. However, it has not come out yet.
- e. Chief Medina is scheduled to speak at the August meeting.
- f. An Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) refresher can be done in September.

X. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

The next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Matthew Loehman, Chair

Date