

# Americans with Disability Advisory Council Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020

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

**Location:** Zoom

**Council Members Present:**

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

**City Staff Present:**

Adam Leuschel, Assistant City Attorney  
Jordan Vargas, ADA Coordinator  
Crystal Velarde, Minute Taker  
Terra Reed, Sr. Planner

**Council Members Not Present**

Adena Martinez  
Kaatje van der Gaarden  
Jessie Calero

**Members of the Public:**

Linda Stover, Bernalillo County Clerk  
Jaime Diaz, Deputy County Clerk  
Monique Gonzales, County Clerk's Office  
Rachel Cooper  
Dennis Otsuka

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 pm with Chair Loehman and Members Davis, King, and Strones participating.

## **II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Davis

moved to approve the agenda, and Member King seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by other council members.

## **III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 4, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

Vice Chair Davis moved to approve the minutes from August 4, 2020, and Member Strones seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by other council members.

Member Strones moved to approve the minutes from September 1, 2020, and Vice Chair Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by other council members.

## **IV: INTRODUCTIONS**

Council members, City staff and members of the public introduced themselves.

## **V: PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **VI: DISCUSSION ON VOTING ACCESS AND ACCOMMODATIONS INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, BERNALILLO COUNTY CLERK LINDA STOVER**

County Clerk Ms. Stover, Mr. Diaz, and Ms. Gonzales informed the Council that they are working closely with Disability Rights of New Mexico and the Governor's Commission on Disability to create an inspection sheet to assist in making sure polling sites are ADA compliant. A few examples include accessible parking and ADA-compliant door width and door pressure. There will be tabulators available for the ADA community at all sites and all booths are ADA accessible. Additionally, they will have training coordinators on site to assist the ADA

community. Since most sites are at schools, they try to keep the voting limited to the gym areas. Most school gyms are ADA compliant, as opposed to cafeterias or libraries. If anyone needs assistance, they are welcome to bring someone with them or ask for help at the polls. They will also have individuals at the voting sites to report any issues that may arise. Some issues in the past have included the public moving parking spaces or signs. The County Clerk's office also shared their procedures with regards to absentee ballots.

**VII: DISCUSSION ON CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE'S "VISION ZERO INITIATIVE", TERRA REED, SENIOR PLANNER**

Ms. Reed shared information regarding the Mayor's Vision Zero Initiative. It is an international effort to reduce traffic fatalities. Albuquerque has one of the highest reported fatality rates for both vehicle crashes and pedestrians struck on the streets and sidewalks. Efforts to reduce these rates are being made in several ways that include roadway design, enforcement efforts as well as policies and laws. The Vision Zero Initiative is also working on an education piece to better educate people as to what the laws are and how to be safer. Things that they would like to address include ADA sidewalks, and accessibility for individuals visually impaired. Ms. Reed is also working with other agencies such as Bernalillo County, Albuquerque Public Schools, the State of New Mexico, the Department of Transportation, police officers, City Council, and the Department of Municipal Development as well as community groups. In working with these groups, the goal is to increase safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for everyone in Albuquerque.

Ms. Reed also shared that the city will be releasing an online survey related to this initiative and would like feedback from the ADA Council as well.

**VIII: NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

Chair Loehman announced October is Disability Awareness month. He also reminded the ADA Council the November meeting will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month due to election day.

**IX: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

**Next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2020.**

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Matthew Loehman, Chair

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Date