

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 2nd 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.

Matthew Loehman, Chair

Date