

Americans with Disability Advisory Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Council Members Present:

Travis Davis, Chair
Diane Mourning Brown, Vice-Chair
Kerry Houlihan
Matthew Loehman
Kaatje van der Gaarden

Council Members Not Present

Daniel Strones
Sean King

City Staff Present:

Leigh Brunner, Assistant City Attorney
Jordan Vargas, Title II ADA Coordinator
Crystal Velarde, Minute Taker

Members of the Public

Brian Colón, NM State Auditor
Anthony Sena, Audit Supervisor
Brenda McKenna, Senator
Karen Cushnyr

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm with Chair Davis, Vice-Chair Morning Brown and members van der Gaarden, Houlihan 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 October 5, 2021, Minutes**
 - a. Member van der Gaarden moved to approve the minutes for the October 5, 2021, meeting, and Vice-Chair Morning Brown seconded the motion. Other council members unanimously approved the motion.
- IV. **Introductions**
 - a. All who were present introduced themselves.
- V. **Public Comment**
 - a. A member of the public expressed concerns regarding the Albuquerque Zoo and the Albuquerque Animal Welfare department. These are concerns they have address with city staff in the past and are interested in any updates. Member van der Gaarden had difficulty contacting animal welfare due to COVID and was unable to get her kitten spayed and vaccinated. Chair Davis stated he would look into the matter, and they could discuss them at the December meeting.
- VI. **Presentation with State Auditor Brian Colón, New Mexico State Auditor's Office**
 - a. New Mexico State Auditor Colón returned with Audit Supervisor Sena to provide an update on a special audit their office preformed. The New Mexico Office of the State Auditor conducted an audit for the General Service Department regarding the Americans with Disability Act Parking Facility Compliance. This audit began

on April 20, 2021, and concluded on June 30, 2021. The audit included twenty-three parking lots throughout the state of New Mexico. State Auditor Colón's office reviewed the following items for compliance:

1. Lack of appropriate number of accessible parking spaces present.
 1. Two parking lots lacked the appropriate number of accessible parking spaces.
 2. Lack of appropriate number of van accessible spaces present
 1. Seven lacked the appropriate number of van spaces.
 3. Accessible space not located near the shortest route to the building entrance.
 1. One of the parking lots did not have their accessible parking space on the closest route to the entrance.
 4. Accessible parking space and/or access aisle does not meet minimum required size measurements.
 1. Eleven did not meet the minimum required width measurements for accessible parking space and/or access aisles.
 5. Accessible parking space and/or access aisle does not contain the required or adequate pavement markings
 1. Five did not have accessible spaces clearly marked.
 2. Three did not correctly place their accessibility parking signs
 3. Twelve had access aisles without "no parking" markings.
 4. Seven needed to repaint their access aisles.
 6. Accessible parking space and/or access aisle exceeds the maximum slope dimension requirements
 1. Six had slopes that exceeded the maximum slope allowed under ADA.
 7. Accessible parking spaces lack the appropriate accessible parking signage.
 1. Six parking lots contained signage that did not meet the height requirements.
 2. Seven were missing signage.
 8. Passenger loading zones lack wheel stops
 1. Eight parking lots contained passenger loading zones without wheel stops or other measures to help prevent vehicle overhangs.
- b. State Auditor Colón informed the ADA Council that all facilities are working towards compliance and almost all were compliant by the time the report was released to the public. The report also caught the attention of Governor Lujan-Grisham has made a commitment to submit a multimillion-dollar request in her budget this coming fiscal year. These funds will assist in making all the parking facilities compliant as well as provide continued support.

VII. Report on the Health & Human Services Committee on Disabilities with Vice-Chair Mournig Brown

- a. Vice-Chair Mournig Brown attended the Health and Human Services Committee meeting. She was able to gather information about services provided by state funded disability agencies. She also informed the Council that a bill went to legislation to make DVR a stand-alone commission. She requested the Councils support at the legislative session coming up in January.

VIII. New Business and Announcements from Members

- a. Senator McKenna shared there are three individuals in Representative

Stansbury's office who monitor disability access. There is Yolanda Lucero, Ian Fluellen, and herself.

- b. Representative Stansbury will be hosting two round tables regarding disabilities. The first one will take place on November 22, 2021, from 11-12pm. The second-round table will for children and their parent/guardians and take place December 13, 2021, from 4-5 pm. Both round tables will be via zoom. Senator McKenna shared the zoom links in the chat.
- c. Member van der Gaarden will share her report regarding downtown Albuquerque with ADA Coordinator Vargas. Ms. Vargas will assist her in communicating with the Albuquerque Planning department.

IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

The next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Travis Davis
Travis Davis, Chair

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Date