

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
MEETING MINUTES
AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: City Council Government Center, Room 9081

Board Members Present:

Karen Cushnyr, Chair
Michael Renaud
Sasheen Smith
Terri O'Hare
Daniel Strones

City Staff:

William Zarr, Assistant City Attorney
Torri Jacobus, Assistant City Attorney
Tyson Hummel, Assistant City Attorney
David Harper, Outgoing City Inspector General
Danyel Mayer, Paralegal

Members of the Public:

There was no public in attendance

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cushnyr at approximately 5:33 p.m. with five members participating. Members Lisa McNiven and Peggy Chong were not in attendance at the meeting.

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Cushnyr proposed an amendment to the Agenda to reflect the correct date for the September meeting; the date of the next scheduled meeting should be September 11, 2018 and not September 4, 2018 as the Agenda states. There was no further comment pertaining to the Agenda. Member Strones moved to approve the Agenda as amended, and it was seconded by Member O'Hare. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

The board reviewed the minutes from the special meeting held on July 24, 2018. There were no proposed changes to the minutes. Member Renaud moved to approve the July

24, 2018 meeting minutes, and it was seconded by Member Strones. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

ITEM 2: COMMENTS

There was no public in attendance at the meeting, but outgoing Inspector General David Harper did use this time to say farewell to the board members as he recently resigned and is moving out of state.

ITEM 3: STATUS OF JULY 10, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Cushnyr advised the board that a draft of the July 10th meeting minutes had been received by the board members today. The board did not have 72 hours prior to this meeting to be able to review the minutes, so the July 10th meeting minutes will need to be voted on at the next scheduled meeting.

Member O'Hare led discussion on inaccuracies she noted in the July 10th draft meeting minutes. It was decided that the members will email any proposed edits to the minutes to Danyel Mayer.

ITEM 4: UPDATE ON ADA COMPLIANCE LETTER SENT TO MAYOR KELLER

Chair Cushnyr advised the board that she had reached out to the City's Inspector General David Harper since the board had not received a response from the Mayor's office regarding the board's April 10th ADA compliance letter. Chair Cushnyr stated that she had received an email message from Alan Armijo, the City's Director of Constituent Services, which confirmed receipt of the board's April 10th compliance letter. Mr. Armijo advised Chair Cushnyr that the Mayor's office had convened a committee of City staff to report to the Mayor what has happened in the past and what the plans are as to how to remediate the issues brought up in the ADA board's letter. Mr. Armijo said he would be in contact with the board.

Member O'Hare expressed concern that there was no ADA board representation on the Mayor's recently convened ADA Transition Plan Committee.

Assistant City Attorney Tyson Hummel provided additional information regarding the Mayor's response to the ADA's compliance letter. Mr. Hummel stated that he was not at

the meeting with the Mayor, but he did attend a subsequent meeting to discuss what the Mayor's office would like to see happen. The Mayor's office would like to see the previous transition plan that only included DMD documenting curb ramps and sidewalks that needed attention, evolve into a plan that includes multi-city departments since this is a larger issue than just fixing buckled sidewalks and crosswalks. The Mayor then convened a group of leadership from within the City to help try and blueprint how to best execute the transition plan. When Mr. Hummel and Torri Jacobus met with Alan Armijo they emphasized to Mr. Armijo that the group assembled by the Mayor should include at least one representative, if not a few representatives, from the ADA advisory council. Mr. Armijo said he would not be opposed to that idea, but did state he would like some time to get the group set up first and then to assemble in some ADA advisory council representation. The group will be used to strategically manage compliance and accessibility issues in the community in a cohesive way that includes several City departments and not just DMD.

Mr. Hummel also advised the board that either Mayor Keller, or one of his closest advisors, is expected to attend an ADA board meeting in the near future. The exact date Mayor Keller will attend is unknown.

Mr. Hummel further advised that the Mayor's office would be working on providing refresher ADA compliance training to each City department.

ITEM 5: DISCUSSION ON DISABILITY AWARENESS/EDUCATION EVENT

In advance of the meeting, Member O'Hare passed out an outline to help facilitate ideas related to hosting a disability awareness/education event. Member Strones expressed interest in doing some research on the national view of ADA.

Discussion was held and it was decided that the group will attempt to host a discussion on disability awareness/education event during the October meeting. Member O'Hare will work on organizing this activity. Member Renaud volunteered himself to prepare a PowerPoint presentation for the activity, if necessary.

ITEM 6: ELECTION OF ADA COUNCIL OFFICERS

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Officers. Member Renaud moved to nominate Lisa McNiven as Chair, and the nomination was seconded by Member Strones.

Member O'Hare moved to nominate herself as Chair, and the nomination was seconded by Member Strones. Upon nominations duly made and seconded, the following Officers were elected to begin in September:

Terri O'Hare: Chair

(Votes "for" Terri O'Hare as next Chair were as follows: Member Strones, Member Smith and Member O'Hare)

Lisa McNiven: Vice Chair

(Votes "for" Lisa McNiven as next Vice Chair were as follows: Member Renaud, Member Smith, Member O'Hare, Chair Cushnyr and Member Strones)

ITEM 7: NEW BUSINESS

Chair Cushnyr reminded the board that the board will need to update its resolution pertaining to meetings for 2019, as it needs to be posted by January 2019. Discussion was held as to whether or not there should be a July meeting in 2019. It was decided that the ADA's regular board meetings in 2019 will continue to be on the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of January, July, and September which will be the second Tuesday of the month.

Member Renaud reminded everyone that he had prior commitments and would not be attending the September board meeting.

ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 10, 2018

At approximately 6:50 p.m. a motion was made by Member Strones to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Member Smith. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Karen Cushnyr, Chair

Date: _____