

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 5:30pm
at North Valley Senior Center, at 3825 4th Street NW 87107

Members Present: Lisa McNiven, Peggy Chong, Terri O'Hare, Karen Cushnyr, CeeCee Montgomery

Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Annabelle Romero (Office of Human Rights and Diversity/ADA)

Call to Order and Introductions: Annabelle Romero called meeting to order at approximately 5:40 pm

Approval of August 2, 2016 Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Annabelle Romero with a second by Terri O'Hare. Motion passes 5-0

Approval of July 5, 2016 Minutes: No minutes to approve as first meeting did not have a quorum and minutes were not taken.

Election of Officers: The following Officers were elected: Karen Cushnyr-*Chairperson*, Peggy Chong-*Vice Chairperson*, Terri O'Hare-*Secretary*. All officer positions were elected unanimously.

Adoption of the ADA Advisory Council Resolution: (Word file attached to this email) All members have the Resolution to review and give feedback *before next scheduled meeting*. Email is the best method for sending revisions to the Resolution. It was noted that the Resolution can be amended after adoption.

Discussion

Meeting place and time: The next meeting for September will not have a quorum, as Lisa McNiven will be out of the country. The September meeting is cancelled. The next meeting of the full Council will be Tuesday, Oct 4th, 5:30-7pm at the North Valley Senior Center, at 3825 4th Street NW 87107.

Getting the word out: Discussion was held regarding posting about the Council on social media, and each Council member is to review their contacts in the city and forward information on those contacts to the Secretary so a notice about the meetings can be sent to several orgs and individuals who may be interested. The final 'flyer' or note will be sent to members for review before sharing.

October Agenda Items: The Council discussed items for the next agenda and agreed to share via email so all can contribute to the October Agenda.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public present, thus no comment.

New Business/Announcements:

Accessible Bosque trails Terri O’Hare spoke about the accessible Bosque trails and the upcoming Public Meeting on August 11th. A map and flyer was included in the agenda materials. Many opponents attend and speak about limiting trail access due to ‘environmental issues’. It was suggested that Council members attend if possible to learn about the trails and show support for accessible trails and recreation.

Inclusion of people with disabilities on city boards Peggy Chong spoke about other city boards and if there are members with disabilities on them? Suggested outreach to law enforcement, Fire Dept, officer training, Police Chief regarding interactions with people with disabilities in the city. Are there manuals that serve as training materials? Do city policies address disability and inclusion and language? Peggy mentioned the Newline for the Blind as a resource. <https://nfb.org/audio-newspaper-service>

Service Animal and Transit issues in Resolution 1630 City of Albuquerque Karen Cushnyr gave an update on this Resolution that was passed with minimal input by Council or the public allowing pets (cats and dogs) on public transit. (add link to the final Res) The resolution has the potential to allow unruly pets to interfere with ADA compliant service and guide animals working for their human owners. A meeting was held with Councilor Jones who introduced it, and no progress was made. It is a 6-month pilot program and possibly will not be renewed after more education by advocates.

Transition Plan for DMD and possibly other city departments Annabelle Romero spoke about an overall city master plan, (Transition Plan) which various depts. in the city are writing and updating. Note: (The city currently has no Transition Plan and apparently has not had one for many years.) The ADA Council could be involved with depts. like DMD, etc to assist and to review the Plans after they are written.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm by a motion from Karen Cushnyr.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the ADA Council will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at the North Valley Senior Center at 3825 4th Street NW, Albuquerque 87107

The meeting minutes from August 2, 2016 have been prepared and approved by:

Chairperson: Karen Cushnyr _____ Date _____

Prepared by: Terri O'Hare _____ Date _____