

# Americans with Disability Advisory Council Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021

**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

## Council Members Not Present

Jessie Calero  
Kaatje van der Gaarden

### **I. Call to Order**

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

### **II. Approval of Agenda**

Vice Chair Davis moved to approve the agenda, and Member Strones seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by other council members.

### **III. Approval of December 1, 2020 Minutes**

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

### **IV. Introductions**

All who were present were familiar with each other therefore introductions were not done.

### **V. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public present.

### **VI. Discussion on Wellbeing for People with Disabilities**

Member van der Gaarden had requested this item for the agenda. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend. This item was tabled.

### **VII. Discussion on Future Agenda Items and Topics**

The ADA Council members discussed which City Departments they would like to invite to future meetings. Chair Loehman will extend an invitation to Ms. Melendez, the Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion as well as Chair and Vice Chair of City Council. Other departments the Council is interested in inviting included the Planning department, Department of Municipal Development, Department of Emergency Management, and the Community Safety Department. The current members of the Council feel that building relationships with these departments will keep the Council strong even when their terms have expired.

Vice Chair Davis also informed the Council he received an invitation from the Governor's Commission on Disability. They will be hosting The Disability Rights Awareness days on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. He would like to invite a presenter from there to discuss what they did. He would additionally like to invite those vying for Congresswoman Haaland's position as she moves up, to get their input on ADA issues.

The Council will reach out to Hope Reed for an update on the parks audit she was conducting prior to COVID. They understand it maybe on hold but would like the update.

The Council further discussed registering for the COVID vaccine on the New Mexico Department of Health website. They asked Ms. Vargas to see if there was a contact person for the City of Albuquerque.

**VIII. New Business and Announcements from Members**

Chair Loehman informed the ADA Council that Member Calero would be resigning.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

**Next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 2, 2021.**

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Matthew Loehman, Chair

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