

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

**Date:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Zoom

**Council Members Present:**

Sean King, Chair  
Matthew Loehman  
Karen Cushnyr  
Travis Davis

**Members of the Public:**

Nat Dean

**City Staff Present:**

Adam Leuschel, Assistant City Attorney  
Jordan Vargas, ADA Coordinator  
Crystal Velarde, Minute Taker  
Joel Craig, AWD Operations Manager  
Carolyn Ortega, Director of AWD

**Council Members Not Present**

Daniel Strones  
Adena Martinez  
Jessie Calero

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm with Chair King and Members Loehman, Davis and Cushnyr participating.

**ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JUNE MEETING MINUTES**

Member Cushnyr moved to approve the agenda, and Member Loehman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by other council members. Member Cushnyr moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting, and Member Loehman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the other council members.

**ITEM 3: INTRODUCTIONS**

Council members, City staff and members of the public introduced themselves.

**ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nat Dean thanked the board for holding their meetings on zoom. It allows for many to attend during COVID where gatherings are restricted.

**ITEM 5: Follow up with Animal Welfare Department**

Chair King and Member Cushnyr updated Director Ortega and Mr. Craig as to the last meeting

they had with Animal Welfare. Director Ortega and Mr. Craig, Animal Welfare Operations Manager shared the following information:

1. They do not certify service animals but waived the registration fee which was also done with low income as well as elderly.
2. The only thing that went away with the pet registration was the \$6.00 fee. This went away partly due to non-compliance.
3. The money that was used for the pet registration program has been redirected for public outreach to help the community in getting their pet microchipped and vaccinated.
4. Animal Welfare has received funding which they will be using for their mobile vaccination clinics. They will take their van throughout the city to provide vaccines for pets in areas of high risk. The van will be out every Saturday starting July 25<sup>th</sup>. Community members will need to qualify for these services as well.
5. They will also provide spay and neuter vouchers to individuals who may need them. As these services need to be done in a veterinary clinic.
6. Animal Welfare has partnered with vets throughout the city to make it convenient for the community.
7. Director Ortega shared they are down officers but will be posting the positions as they are essential. This will also assist in making sure they are able to follow their ordinance.
8. Animal Welfare does provide a packet to all citizens who adopt animals. The packet includes the care and handling of the animal they have adopted.

#### **ITEM 6: ADA Advisory Council Elections**

Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair were: Matt Loehman for Chair and Travis Davis for Vice-Chair.

Chair King called for a roll call in voting Matt Loehman as the new Chair. Members in favor included: Chair King, Member Cushnyr, and Member Davis. Member Loehman abstained from voting on this matter.

Chair King called for a roll call in voting Travis Davis as the Vice-Chair. Members in favor included: Chair King, Member Cushnyr, and Member Loehman. Member Davis abstained from voting on this matter.

#### **ITEM 7: Follow-up with DMD**

Chair King was notified by Johnny Chandler from DMD that he was unavailable today and stated he would be available at the August meeting if needed.

ADA Advisory Council would like to establish a working relationship with DMD as well as discuss the disabled parking in residential areas.

#### **Item 8: APS Therapy**

Chair King did not receive a response from Lucinda Sanchez, a representative from APS Special Education Department. Since there were no representatives from APS present, there was no discussion regarding this agenda item.

#### **ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

Member Loehman requested that members sign up for the ADA Anniversary trainings being done by the City. ADA Coordinator Ms. Vargas discussed the trainings that have been done which included the History of the ADA as well as Effective Communication and Hearing Loss

Awareness. Ms. Vargas also stated she is willing to share the schedule if anyone needs it. She provided which trainings are coming up and when they will be held. Member Loehman was able to share the email with the flyer to those who provided an email address in the chat.

Chair King said his farewells as Chair and welcomed the newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair. He also thanked the board for their support during his time as chair. Member Loehman thanked Chair King in all that he has done over the last year and asked for his support as he takes over as the new Chair for the ADA Advisory Council.

**ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

**Next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be Tuesday, August 4, 2020.**

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Matthew Loehman, Chair

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