

DRAFT Americans with Disability Advisory Council (ADAAC) Minutes

Date: Friday, April 5, 2024

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: ADA Coordinator's Office and Zoom

Council Members Present:

Manuel Baca, Chair
Olivia Fadul
Em Ahrend
Amanda Caserta
Emily Aragon

City Staff Present:

Charles Davis, ADAAC Attorney
Alex Colbert-Taylor, ADA Title II Coordinator
Bibi Baloyra, Assistant Director, Albuquerque
Museum

Council Members Not Present:

Roger Robb, Vice Chair

Members of the Public:

Two ASL Interpreters (Katrina and Renee)
Dede
Caroline

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chair Baca.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Councilperson Ahrend moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Chair Baca. The council unanimously approved the motion.

III. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2024 Meeting

- a. Chair moved to approve the minutes from December 4, 2023 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Ahrend. The council unanimously approved the motion.

IV. Introductions

- a. All councilmembers and City employees who were present introduced themselves. All members of the public introduced themselves.

V. Public Comments

- a. No members of the public made comments

VI. Comments on access and inclusion at the Albuquerque Museum

- a. Bibi Baloyra, assistant director at the Albuquerque Museum, discussed her professional background and her awareness of the importance of actively promoting and building for access and inclusion in public spaces, such as museums. She described her intention to work with architects and curators to build the museum in a highly inclusive and accessible space for patrons with disabilities. She offered to host the ADAAC's May 2024 meeting at the Albuquerque Museum, and offered to provide a guided tour of an exhibit to the ADAAC and interested members of the public to get feedback on accessibility.

VII. Discussion of Inspection of Public Records Act request for information on accessible parking placards.

- a. Councilperson Ahrend discussed their efforts to get information on the number of accessible parking placards issued to residents of Albuquerque. The government responded to their initial IPRA request stating no information was available. They made a second request for information on the number of placards issued state-wide.
- b. The attendees then had a prolonged discussion about the shortage of accessible parking in the city; the need to educate the public about how people with invisible disabilities may have legitimate reasons to use accessible parking; and the possibility of implementing an app or some other solution to report cars illegally parked in designated accessible parking.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned 1:56 PM

Next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be Friday, May 3, 2024

Manuel Baca, Chair

Date

