

Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Council (ADAAC) Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Council Members Present:

Manuel Baca, Chair
Roger Robb, Vice Chair
Kerry Houlihan
Olivia Fadul

City Staff Present:

Leigh Brunner, ADAAC Attorney
Alison Eye, Minute Taker
Crystal Velarde, Office of Civil Rights
Andrea Ginn, ASL Interpreter
Santana Chavez, ASL interpreter

Council Members Not Present:

Pamela S. Britton
Deann S. Griego
Rand Lara Porter-Park

Members of the Public:

Peter Smote

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Manuel Baca.

II. Approval of Agenda

- a. Vice Chair Robb moved to approve agenda. The motion was seconded by Chair Baca.

III. Introductions

- a. All who were present introduced themselves.
- b. As this was member Fadul's first meeting she stated a little bit of her background. She is a student from UNM and her goal as a PHD student and future educator is to train the next generation of councilors to be able to work with clients with disabilities. She is currently focusing on integrating accessibility accommodations at universities in New Mexico.

IV. Approval of November 1, 2022 Minutes

- a. Member Baca moved to approve the November 1, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by member Houlihan. Members Robb and Fadul voted to approve the minutes.

V. Public Comment

- a. Member Baca opened the floor for members of the public that would like to speak.
- b. Peter Smote stated that he was thinking of moving to Albuquerque and was attending the meeting to learn more about the city.

VI. Open Meetings Act Resolution 2023

- a. Member Houlihan moved to approve the Open Meeting Act Resolution for 2023. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Robb. Members Baca and Fadul voted to approve.

VII. Call for Community Outreach Subcommittee

- a. The purpose is to inform the public that the ADAAC is available to help by increasing social media presence, sharing news on the City's home page, and helping the City compile a resource list to post on the ADAAC page.
- b. Would like to have more public input about life and issues for people with disabilities living in Albuquerque. Would like to hear what resources, services, and improvements can be made, and work with the city toward those ideas and improvements.
- c. Three members are requested to form subcommittee. Mr. Baca and Mr. Robb volunteered.
- d. Member Fadul also volunteered to serve on subcommittee.

VIII. Discussion about Hearing Loop

- a. Member Fadul asked if Albuquerque had a Hearing Loop associated with Hearing Loss of America? She spoke about her own experiences at UNM trying to get help with her disability. She was concerned for others having these same issues and how they could help them by maybe using Hearing Loss of America.
- b. Vice Chair Robb stated that he was a member of the Albuquerque group with Hearing Loss of America. He stated that he could discuss this more with member Fadul and they could meet again about this in the future.

IX. Discussion by Member Robb Regarding Placards

- a. Vice Chair Robb discussed the various placards that he has been working on to help people with disabilities be able to communicate with police. The placards could be handed to the police officer so the police would have information regarding the person's disability. He stated that there are currently 3 different colors for the placards. He has been working with the Albuquerque Police Department on the placards and how they can be used by the police officers.
- b. There will be an application process to obtain a placard.
- c. Vice Chair Robb is currently working on making a training video. Once the video is done then he hopes to be able to get the placard project moving forward this year.
- d. Also discussed was the hearing loss, sensitivity training that is already happening with the Albuquerque Police Academy. This has been ongoing for about 6 to 7 years.

X. Second Vote on Open Meetings Act Resolution 2023

- a. Crystal brought to Chair Baca's attention that a vote was still needed for the Open Meetings Act Resolution for 2023.
- b. Member Houlihan moved to approve. The motion was seconded by member Baca. Members Fadul and Robb voted to approve the Open Meeting Act Resolution for 2023.

XI. Public Comment

- a. There was no more public comment.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled ADAAC Meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Manuel Baca, Chair

Date