

Americans with Disability Advisory Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Council Members Present:

Matthew Loehman, Chair
Travis Davis, Vice-Chair
Sean King
Kaatje van der Gaarden
Daniel Strones

City Staff Present:

Adam Leuschel, Assistant City Attorney
Jordan Vargas, ADA Coordinator
Crystal Velarde, Minute Taker
Maggie Gould, Planning Manager with Planning Department

Members of the Public

Nat Dean

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm with Chair Loehman, Vice-Chair Davis, and members King, Strones, and van der Gaarden.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of February 2, 2021, Minutes

IV. Vice-Chair Davis moved to approve the February 2, 2021, minutes, and Member Strones seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by other council members.

V. Approval of March 2, 2021, Minutes

VI. Member King moved to approve March 2, 2021, minutes, and Vice-Chair Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by other council members.

VII. Introductions

All who were present introduced themselves.

VIII. Public Comment

Ms. Dean thanked the Council for allowing her to join and announced she will be joining the Santa Fe ADA Board.

IX. Discussion on ADA accommodations in Downtown Albuquerque with Maggie Gould

Maggie Gould joined the meeting to discuss downtown handicap parking as well as accessibility on sidewalks. The Council shared their concerns regarding the new loading zones that replaced handicap parking spaces, and the lack of accessibility to the current sidewalks due to outside patios. Ms. Gould is willing to schedule a meeting with Member van der Gaarden. They will tour downtown areas where Member van der Gaarden can show Ms. Gould her concerns. Ms. Gould will also

look into who is responsible if any work or adjustments need to be made.

X. Discussion on Wellbeing of Individuals with Disabilities

Members of the Council discussed the Silver Sneaker program. It is offered to the disability community for gym memberships as well as anyone over 50 years old. It is also covered by certain health insurance companies like Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Medicare.

XI. Discussion on Future Agenda Items

Chair Loehman invited City Councilors Borrego and Gibson to join a meeting. Councilor Borrego has confirmed she is willing to attend the May 4th meeting. Chair Loehman had not heard back from Councilor Gibson. He has also reached out to the Governor's Commission on Disability acting director. She has also confirmed availability for the May or June meeting. Chair Loehman is in contact with the Governor's office and Governor Lujan Grisham is tentatively scheduled to speak at the July meeting. Other members would like to invite Councilor Sena, the new Chief of Police,

XII. New Business and Announcements from Members

Chair Loehman reminded the Council elections for their Council are in July.

Vice-Chair Davis is working as a contractor through the Governor's Commission on Disabilities for COVID vaccines and site accessibility. As a contractor, he will be visiting vaccine sites to make sure they are accessible and making sure anyone with a disability can sign up for the COVID vaccine. If anyone on the Council or anyone they know has problems signing up or at a site, please let him know.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

The next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Matthew Loehman, Chair

Date