

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER  
1112 N MESA  
Friday, December 2, 2016 at 10:30 AM

Voting Members Present: Don Neighbors  
Rebecca Sanchez  
Machell Tackett  
Brenda Wiedenmann

Voting Members Absent: Brent Griffith  
Tom Kirby  
Deborah Pinching

Ex-Officio Members Present: Randy Galindo

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jason Burns  
Jeff Patterson

1. **ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Meeting was called to order by **Mr. Neighbors**. It was determined there was a quorum.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Ms. Tackett** motioned to approve the agenda. **Ms. Wiedenmann** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Neighbors, Sanchez, Tackett, Wiedenmann; No – None.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING:**

**Ms. Tackett** motioned to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2016 meeting. **Ms. Wiedenmann** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Neighbors, Sanchez, Tackett, Wiedenmann; No – None.

4. **DISCUSSION OF CITY ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES:**

**Mr. Neighbors** expressed his concern with the construction on Calloway. He wondered if all of the plans were in compliance with ADA standards. He indicated that he did not know the details of the construction taking place. He also inquired as to how long construction would take.

**Mr. Patterson** let the board know that one part of the construction phase was to widen the turn lanes.

**Mr. Burns** indicated that the construction on Calloway Drive should be completed by mid-April.

**Mr. Neighbors** expressed concern for the traffic congestion around the new Ocotillo school. He says the area is not ADA compliant. Cars park on the sidewalk and if you are trying to get past in a wheelchair, it is not possible.

**Mr. Patterson** indicated that the school would have to build another exit from the school. The city built the access to the school; however, there is no budget in the city to build an additional exit. Carlsbad Municipal Schools have indicated that they do not plan to build an additional exit. **Mr. Patterson** informed the board that a new three way stop was installed in the area to help with the traffic flow.

**Ms. Wiedenmann** inquired if the old crosswalks from Riverside school would be moved over to the Ocotillo school.

**Mr. Burns** indicated that the crosswalk would be moving to Hayes Drive. The plan was to make the new school zone from Riverside to Quail Hollow. These plans are still in the works as is the placement of a speed limit sign to let drivers know how fast they are traveling in the area, as well as setting a school speed limit. There is also a plan to have sidewalks installed starting at Crenshaw. **Mr. Burns** indicated that these plans are not set in stone, but are things that are being discussed for the future.

**Mr. Neighbors** expressed concerns with the Ocotillo and Desert Willow schools being built in established neighborhoods of the city. These neighborhoods were not intended to have that much traffic flow and they are not ADA compliant. The sidewalks in these areas are lacking.

**Mr. Burns** informed the board that the city was not consulted regarding the location of Ocotillo and Desert Willow.

**Mr. Neighbors** expressed his concern with the talk of a new school to be located on Lea Street. He says there is no handicap accessibility on sidewalks in the area. He is concerned that there is little to no accessibility on the sidewalk near the ECEC. He explained that once you cross the bridge the sidewalk is non-existent. He also expressed concern with the heavy truck traffic on Lea street and all the additional children and school buses with the additional school being built there.

**Ms. Sanchez**, who lives on Lea street, says that if she doesn't leave her house by 7:30 a.m. on most mornings, it is difficult to get out of the driveway with the heavy truck traffic. She agreed with **Mr. Neighbors** in that once you cross the bridge on Lea street, the sidewalk is too steep.

**Mr. Patterson** said that there are plans to reconstruct Standpipe Road, so that the truck route does not pass by ECEC. He indicated that the Public Works Department has a schedule on updating sidewalks and intersections within the city.

**Mr. Neighbors** informed the board that he spoke with **Mr. Cass** to get an update on the status of the downtown parking spaces. **Mr. Cass** let him know that after the new year, the plans will continue to make the additional agreed upon parking spaces handicap accessible.

**Mr. Neighbors** asked for the status on what the city was going to do with the area near the fountain on Greene Street. Earlier in the year, it was mentioned that maybe the area could be turned into additional parking.

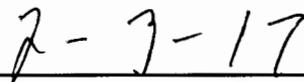
**Mr. Patterson** indicated that he was not sure what the city planned to do with that area just yet.

**Mr. Neighbors** and **Ms. Tackett** thanked **Mr. Patterson** and **Mr. Burns** for attending the meeting today to address their concerns and appreciate them taking time out of their busy schedules.

5. **ADJOURMENT:**

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Chairman

  
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