

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER
1112 N MESA
Friday, June 2, 2017 at 10:30 AM

Voting Members Present: Tom Kirby
Don Neighbors
Deborah Pinching
Machell Tackett
Brenda Wiedenmann

Voting Members Absent: None

Ex-Officio Members Present: Randy Galindo

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

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

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

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

Ms. Pinching motioned to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2017 meeting. **Ms. Wiedenmann** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Kirby, Neighbors, Pinching, Tackett, Wiedenmann; No – None.

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

Mr. Kirby updated the council about the meeting that he and **Mr. Neighbors** had with the Mayor to discuss the possibility of the Disability Advisory Board being part of the application process for any new development within the city and having to get their concurrence on the approval of the plans. The Mayor invited **Mr. Hernandez**, the Deputy City Administrator to sit in on the meeting. The Mayor said he would look into their issue with Planning & Zoning in regards to variances.

Mr. Hernandez thought it was a good idea that the Disability Board be involved with upcoming projects and to have them provide input in new development. It would be beneficial as they would better be able to understand accessibility issues.

Mr. Neighbors informed the board that in the meeting with the Mayor they also discussed the upcoming CavernFest on June 3 and the need for accessibility after the issues that happened last year with vendors using some of the handicap spaces for unloading. **Mr. Neighbors** was happy to report that this year's CavernFest had plenty of handicap parking and it was clearly marked, so there were no accessibility issues this year.

Mr. Neighbors brought up the idea that they each drive around and concentrate on areas that they would like to see improvements on and take notes as to what is lacking with accessibility. Then he would like them to get together before the July 7 meeting and come up with a master list of areas and determine which of those areas needs to be improved on first. Once the list is compiled, arrange a meeting with **Mr. Hernandez** and **Mr. Cass** to discuss the areas where improvements could be made to make them more accessible.

Mr. Neighbor mentioned one area where he believed improvements were needed was at the beach. He would like to see more accessibility on sidewalks, and paths leading to picnic tables and benches, including tables that one can roll their wheel chair right up to.

Ms. Wiedenmann mentioned one area where she believed improvements were needed was at San Jose Plaza. **Mr. Kirby** agreed with her as he recently attended the carnival that was held there and almost fell as his wheelchair got caught on something. They both agreed that more accessibility was needed in that area.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion, **Ms. Wiedenmann** motioned to adjourn the meeting. **Mr. Kirby** seconded the motion.



Chairman



Date