

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER
1112 N MESA
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2013 AT 10:30AM

Voting Members Present: Don Neighbors
Charles Gray
Jesse Haas
Deborah Pinching

Voting Members Absent: Tom Kirby, Chairman
Michelle Tackett

Ex-Officio Members Present: Patsy Jackson-Christopher,
CRC Director

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Others Present: Jerry Rimler
JoAnn Moore, Transit Manager
Olga Ramirez, CRC Exec' Assistant

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Meeting was called to order at 10:33 by **Don Neighbors**. It was determined there was a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Mr. Haas** motions to approve the Agenda, **Mr. Gray** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Neighbors, Gray, Haas, Pinching No-None Absent – Kirby, Tackett.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2, 2013: After the correction on page 2 under Discussion of City Accessibility Issues, Mr. Neighbors stated from the North Y they have to dig the street up all the way to the old Furr's Cafeteria building. **Ms. Pinching** motions to approve

the minutes, **Mr. Haas** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Neighbors, Gray, Haas, Pinching No- None Absent – Kirby, Tackett.

4. PRESENTATION FROM JOANN MOORE, TRANSIT MANAGER:

Ms. Moore handed out some packets with information regarding the services the Transit System has to offer. She discussed in detail the differences between the 5311 the Public Transportation Funding, 5317 & 5316, the 5316 is the program where they get funding to take passengers to receive training, GED classes, or college. The 5317 is where they get funded to put an aid in the van to assist the driver in unloading passengers with wheelchairs and the van and other patrons are not left alone.

Ms. Moore discussed the Transit routes, costs and a future fixed route down Mermod Street. She stated her drivers are trained in First Aid, CPR, Blood Borne Pathogens, the evacuation of vehicles during fires, Defensive Driving, Customer Sensitivity, and Customer Relations. The Transit System is also under the Homeland Security, which requires them to help out during an evacuation situation. She explained the ADA policy is almost exactly the same except that if a person qualifies under the ADA and filled out their application and they live within three quarters of a mile to a fixed route they can ride for \$1.00 and get preferential rights.

Ms. Moore handed out a fixed route map and gave details of the different routes available. She also handed out some ADA applications.

5. DISUCSSION OF CITY ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES:

A. Beach Area – Mr. Neighbors handed out a list of issues down the Riverwalk by the Pavilion. Mr. Neighbors stated the parking lot for the Pavilions was very bad it had big pot holes, no handicap parking and it was dirt with rocks there was no gravel. The sidewalk by the Pecos River Village Conference Center is very bad. He said there were several issues down in that area.

Mr. Neighbors suggested to the board members they attend the Parks and Recreation Board meeting to address some of these issues.

Mr. Neighbors asked about checking into making a pedestrian crossing over the Greene Street Bridge. Mr. Gray mentioned that would be nice because once you hit Greene Street you have to turn back instead of being able to keep walking.

B. Approval of Business Recognition – Ms. Pinching suggested I-Hop. Mr. Neighbors said I-Hop has a back room that is big and accessible for anyone in a wheelchair and the staff there are very accommodating. Ms. Pinching motions to approve I-Hop, Mr. Gray seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Neighbors, Gray, Haas, Pinching No – None Absent – Kirby, Tackett.

6. SET NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2013 @ 10:30 AM. Mr. Neighbors motioned to have the next regular meeting on Friday, October 4, 2013 at 10:30 at North Mesa Senior Center. Mr. Gray seconded. The vote was as follows: Yes – Neighbors, Gray, Haas, Pinching No – None Absent – Kirby, Tackett. Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



Chairman

Date