

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER
Friday, June 1, 2018 at 10:30 AM

Voting Members Present: Tarrant Blake
Don Neighbors
Deborah Pinching
Machell Tackett
Brenda Wiedenmann

Voting Members Absent: Tom Kirby
Rebecca Sanchez

Ex-Officio Members Present: Randy Galindo

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jerry Remler
Pat White, NM Commission for the Blind

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 – Blake, Neighbors, Pinching, Tackett, Wiedenmann; No – None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING:

Ms. Wiedenmann motioned to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2018 meeting. **Ms. Tackett** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Neighbors, Pinching, Tackett, Wiedenmann; No – None.

4. DISCUSSION OF CITY ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES:

Ms. Blake was introduced as the newest member of the board.

Mr. Neighbors explained to the board that after the last meeting he did call the Mayor's office to see what the process was for **Ms. Remler** to join the committee. He found out that **Ms. Sanchez**, who was appointed on September 26, 2016, had finally

come in and signed her appointment letter, therefore, the seven spots for the board are filled.

Mr. Neighbors apologized to **Ms. Remler** and asked that she please continue to attend the meetings as they would still like to hear her input. He also has plans to meet with the Mayor's office and find out how much time someone is given to sign their appointment letter.

Mr. White, NM Commission for the blind, gave a presentation of his walk through the downtown area. He stated that overall Carlsbad is very ADA compliant compared to other cities within the State. He did mention a few obstacles that may be of concern. Some of the sidewalks are narrow, the planters are also of concern as a cane can get caught in the fencing, and the areas that have benches next to trees also narrow the walk area.

Mr. Neighbors told the board that he had spoken with **Mr. Cass** and the concerns over the obstacles on the sidewalks. He said **Mr. Cass** let him know that as time permits the benches will be removed to be replaced with new ones and also placed in compliance with ADA requirements.

Mr. Neighbors informed the board that **Ms. Hamel**, from Carlsbad Mainstreet, let him know that due to the numerous amount of vendors setting up for Cavern Fest, the handicap parking is being set up on the northside of the courthouse and there would be seven available handicap parking spaces.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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



Chairman

7-6-19

Date