

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER  
Friday, September 7, 2018 at 10:30 AM

Voting Members Present: Tarrant Blake  
Tom Kirby  
Jerry Remler  
Machell Tackett  
Deborah Pinching

Voting Members Absent: Brenda Wiedenmann  
Rebecca Sanchez

Ex-Officio Members Present: Randy Galindo

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Others Present: Annette Jackson  
Don Neighbors

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

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

**Ms. Pinching** motioned to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2018 meeting. **Ms. Blake** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Remler, Tackett, Pinching; No – None.

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

**Ms. Tackett** stated that she failed to look at the Planning & Zoning website to see when the meeting was being held. **Ms. Blake** tried to contact both Eddy County and the City regarding the temporary Detour sign on Canal St. being posted permanently in the concrete rather than the temporary sign as it is. Both stated they would do better in the future with assignments. **Ms. Blake** discussed that **Ms. Weidenmann** was bedfast and until further notice would not be able to attend any meetings. **Mr. Kirby** was going to set up a meeting with the Mayor to see why **Ms. Sanchez** is still on the board even though she never shows up. **Ms. Blake** had spoken with Cheyenne and was told that the Mayor wanted **Ms. Sanchez** on the board.

**Ms. Blake** was going to check with city clerk (Nadine) to see if it was possible to have

members call in and be in attendance by phone and also if voting over the phone was acceptable as well. **Ms. Pinching** stated that she may need rides to medical appointments occasionally and **Ms. Tackett** and **Ms. Blake** both volunteered to take **Ms. Pinching** to appointments anytime she needed a ride.

**Ms. Blake** wanted to find out from the Mayor if a member continually doesn't show up to vote on issues and a person that shows up regularly (**Mr. Neighbors**) and is unable to vote because of term limits, could that person vote in place of the absent member?

**Mr. Kirby** offered that the board should invite the Mayor do meetings or try to have a special meeting if that meets the Mayors schedule better. If a special ADA committee meeting is called, then advance notice and posting is required.

**Ms. Blake** brought up that when she calls Ray Romero with the county regarding any issue, he doesn't return her calls. She said this is true of calling people within the city offices as well. The board agreed that this is unacceptable as the board needs help with cares and concerns and projects and these people are the ones that are there to help them. The Detour sign is gone at the Lea St. intersections as that street is open now so part of this sign problem has gone away at least for now.

**Ms. Blake** stated that she dropped the ball in getting pictures of the flower boxes on Canal St that have been a concern for the disabled. She failed to get the pictures to the person at the state office and apologized.

**Ms. Pinching** told that another person was locked out of the RV park because of the opening/closing procedures and that person complained to the manager so now at least someone else understands the problem she has been having.

**Mr. Neighbors** brought up that the RV parks and Man Camps that have popped up around the city are not very accommodating for people with disabilities. Man Camps are necessary but temporary and there is no end in sight to the expanse of the city as Carlsbad is said to have 75,000-80,000 people living here now with a projected 100,000 within a year.

**Ms. Blake** discussed the handicapped parking at Albertsons with the construction of a new building beginning in November and the current store still being open parking will be limited.

**Ms. Remler** stated that all handicapped parking shouldn't be the same as some people's access to their wheelchair is from the rear of their car rather than the side.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion, **Mr. Kirby** motioned to adjourn the meeting. **Ms. Pinching** seconded the motion. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2018.

  
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Chairman

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