

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER
Friday, October 5, 2018 at 10:30 AM

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

Voting Members Absent: Jerry Remler
Rebecca Sanchez
Brenda Wiedenmann

Ex-Officio Members Present: Randy Galindo

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Others Present: 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:**

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

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

Ms. Tackett motioned to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2018 meeting. **Ms. Blake** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Pinching, Tackett; No – None.

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

Ms. Blake informed the board that a meeting has been set up for Friday, October 12, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss attendance and term limits of the Disability Board with the **Mayor**.

Ms. Blake would like to go over term limits of members and see if there is an exception that could be done to allow **Mr. Neighbors** to get back on the board. The board has been having issues making quorum. The board would like to know if it is

possible to set longer term limits.

Mr. Kirby said he wants to discuss attendance issues with the **Mayor**. **Ms. Sanchez**, a member of the board, has not attended a single meeting since being appointed. He also wants to know how long a person has to sign and return the appointment letter to serve on the board. **Mr. Kirby** wanted to go on record and say while he appreciates **Ms. Sanchez** past service to the board, they need current members to show up to meetings in order to make quorum.

Ms. Pinching brought up another issue for **Ms. Blake** and **Mr. Kirby** to discuss with the **Mayor**. She said that in the past they have recommended several people to be appointed to the board and the Mayor's office did not respond in a timely manner, which in several cases led to these individuals no longer wanting to be part of the board. **Mr. Neighbors** let them know that was not always the case. In some instances the individuals did not return phone calls or return the signed appointment letter.

Ms. Blake informed the board that she and **Mr. Kirby** have invited **Police Chief Skinner** to attend the next meeting on November 2nd. A list of topics they would like to discuss with him include parking issues on Calloway Drive, the evacuation and emergency list plan, the handling of service dogs and the need for more police officers. She asked if the members had any other issues they would like to discuss with **Chief Skinner**.

Ms. Pinching brought up safety. She said that with the amount of homeless lingering around Ray Anaya Plaza de San Jose and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park, it does not feel safe going out for a walk around those parks anymore.

Ms. Blake also asked the board if anyone would be interested in a Citizens Academy for Disabled People. She was going to ask **Chief Skinner** if that was a possibility and if not if it would be possible to have an officer come to a meeting to answer questions.

Ms. Blake would also like to talk to **Fire Chief Lopez**. She would like to discuss the evacuation and emergency list plan, the handling of service dogs, and wheelchair training. She would like to work with the Fire Department and do training on how to move wheelchairs. She stated that in previous occasions the Fire Department did not know how to operate her wheelchair and they struggled to get it to somewhere secure. She would like to work with them and show them how to operate various wheelchairs.

Ms. Blake asked if anyone would be willing to go the next Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting because she is unable to add another item to her already busy schedule. She informed the board that in order to have a voice to ensure that any new developments being built would be ADA compliant, someone from the board should in attendance. She asked **Mr. Neighbors** if he would be willing to attend. **Mr. Neighbors** said yes, however, he would not be representing the ADA Board as he is

no longer an active member and therefore any comments made would be only from his perspective. **Mr. Kirby** said he would attend the meeting along with **Mr. Neighbors**.

ADJOURMENT:

5.

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


Chairman

11-7-18
Date