

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER
Friday, April 5, 2019 at 10:30 AM

Voting Members Present: Tarrant Blake, Vice Chairman
Tom Kirby, Chairman
Jerry Remler, Member (via telephone)
Machell Tackett, Member

Voting Members Absent: Deborah Pinching, Member
Brenda Wiedenmann, Member

Ex-Officio Members Present: Randy Galindo, Safety Manager

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Others Present: Haley Jones, Student Accessibilities Service
Coordinator, NMSU-C
Don Neighbors
Jeff Patterson, Planning Director

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING:

Ms. Blake motioned to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2019 meeting. **Ms. Tackett** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Remler, Tackett; No – None.

4. DISCUSSION OF CITY ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES : UPDATE ON 8TH STREET PROJECT – SIDEWALKS

Mr. Patterson informed the board that he notified **Mr. Cass**, Public Works Director about the signage and did not receive any feedback before the meeting.

Mr. Patterson suggested that the board come up with a list of suggestions regarding the need, location, placement, etc., of where they believe signage needs to be and

make an appointment with **Mr. Cass** to discuss.

Ms. Blake said they can do that and she will call **Mr. Cass** and try to set up an appointment with him to meet at 8th street to discuss the signage issue.

5. **DISCUSSION OF ROAD SURFACES WITHOUT SIDEWALK ACCESSIBILITY**

Ms. Blake brought up the sidewalk on Mesa and Pierce. You can get on the sidewalk on one side but cannot exit it. There is also a post where the push button to cross the street is not accessible.

She also said there is a telephone pole with cables coming out from the ground, the cables are protected by pipe, however, it makes the sidewalk inaccessible.

She also said the sidewalks in the shopping center (where Pet Sense is located) need to be swept to allow access. The rocks make it difficult for the wheelchair's to pass thru the sidewalk in that area.

Mr. Galindo said he would inquire but believes that Pierce Street is a State Issue and not a City Issue.

She also informed the board that she has tried to contact **Chief Skinner** regarding the big work trucks parked on Calloway Drive. The trucks stick out onto the sidewalk therefore making them inaccessible.

6. **DISCUSSION OF CARLSBAD RV PARK – EMERGENCY SAFETY**

The board member who brought up this issue was absent from the meeting. **Mr. Blake** motioned to table this issue until the next meeting. **Ms. Tackett** seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Remler, Tackett; No – None

7. **DISCUSSION OF ACCESSIBILITY TO SPRING PARK**

The issue was brought up to Mr. Kirby regarding accessibility to the ramp. There is a 4 ½" – 5" drop off from the road to the ramp. **Mr. Kirby** and **Ms. Blake** said they would go and see to take pictures to take to **Mr. Cass** to address the issue.

8. **DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGE**

Board members present did not know why this was on the agenda. This issue has been discussed previously.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Neighbors inquired if anyone on the board had contacted **Ms. Karla Hamel**, Carlsbad MainStreet, regarding this year's Cavernfest on June 1, 2019. He gave a brief overview to **Ms. Blake** as to the importance for getting an accessible parking

area setup for Cavernfest. **Ms. Blake** said she would get in contact with **Ms. Hamel**. **Mr. Patterson** suggested that the board should invite **Ms. Hamel** to the next meeting.

Ms. Jones let the board know that NMSU-C is currently in the process of updating their 5 year strategic plan and Building Accessibility is on the plan, this includes accessibility for the whole campus area.

Mr. Kirby and **Ms. Blake** asked if they would be able to view and make suggestions to the plan. **Ms. Jones** said they should be able to view it once they are done finalizing the plan.

Ms. Blake did let **Ms. Jones** know that what the college needs is more handicap parking out front. **Ms. Jones** said that there is plenty of parking in the back area with spaces large enough to unload. **Ms. Blake** let her know that not everyone would be comfortable parking back there and having to find where the elevator is to get down to the first floor. It would be much simpler to add more spaces in front where you could go directly to student services thru the front entrance.

ADJOURNMENT:

10.

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

The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Remler, Tackett; No – None.



Chairman

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Date