

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER
Friday, October 4, 2019 at 10:30 AM

Voting Members Present: Tarrant Blake, Vice Chairman
Tom Kirby, Member
Deborah Pinching, Member
Jerry Remler, Member
Brenda Wiedenmann, Member

Voting Members Absent: Don Neighbors, Chairman
Machell Tackett, Member

Ex-Officio Members Present: Randy Galindo, Safety Manager

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Others Present: Mitch Fransen, Carlsbad Medical Center
Haley Jones, NMSU Student Accessibilities Service
Coordinator
Dianna Jordan, Citizen
Jessica Lopez, Citizen
Robert Porras, Carlsbad Medical Center
Alysha Vasquez, HR Secretary
Angela Williamson, Citizen

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Vice Chairman Tarrant Blake called the meeting to order and it was determined that there was a Quorum of the Voting Members.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING:

Ms. Pinching motioned to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2019 meeting. **Ms. Remler** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Pinching, Remler, Wiedenmann; No – None.

4. **UPDATE ON FLASHING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS:**

Mr. Galindo stated that the City does have flashing traffic control signs. The Police Department is in charge of these signs so they need to be contacted to have those placed.

5. **UPDATE ON PIERCE ST. & MESA ST. INTERSECTION:**

Mr. Galindo informed the board that **Mr. Neighbors** spoke to the State Highway Department. The department is looking into the issue. There are some old permits for landscaping and utilities that the state needs to find. The state will get back with **Mr. Neighbors** once they look over those permits.

6. **DISCUSSION ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Mr. Galindo stated that **Mr. Neighbors** informed him that the main concern is that when a new subdivision or school is built in an old neighborhood only that new portion is getting sidewalks, and curbs.

7. **DISCUSSION ON SIDEWALKS ON AROUND DESERT WILLOW SCHOOL:**

Mr. Galindo introduced **Ms. Lopez** who is concerned about the traffic issue in the neighborhood around Desert Willow School. **Ms. Lopez** stated that it is very difficult for her and her children to walk to school each day. There are no sidewalks on several streets, and numerous parked vehicles on the road, which is causing them to walk in the street. Due to high traffic volume this can be very dangerous. **Ms. Lopez** is not only worried for her family's safety but for all the children that have to walk to school or the bus stop in that area. Another concern is that there are no signs on the streets leading to the school to make drivers aware of the school zone or to slow down.

Ms. Lopez feels like putting some signs, flashing lights, and speed bumps up on the main streets leading to the school would be some solutions to making drivers more cautious of children in the area. **Mr. Galindo** stated he would speak with **Mr. Cass** about these issues.

Ms. Blake added that maybe there needs to be an education plan added to the comprehensive plan, which would put the kids back on buses to and from school. That would be one way to get rid of the heavy traffic around the schools.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Porras from Carlsbad Medical Center wanted to advise the board that the hospital is going to make some improvements involving the handicap parking issues to make sure they are up to standard. **Mr. Porras** stated they are looking into repainting the parking spaces, adding new signs, and adding more spaces. **Ms. Remler** advised **Mr. Porras** that she and **Mr. Neighbors** have rear opening vehicles, so a rear opening parking space would be something to also add.

Ms. Wiedenmann stated that she has noticed many businesses have employees that are parking in the handicap parking spaces. **Ms. Blake** asked which businesses, but **Ms. Wiedenmann** preferred not to disclose. **Ms. Blake** advised **Ms. Wiedenmann** that next time this occurs she could contact the Police Department.

Ms. Pinching asked if a permit was obtained for the Carlsbad RV Park on National Parks Highway to redo the front of their business. She just wants to make sure Carlsbad RV Park is going to make a walk through area. **Mr. Galindo** stated that he would get with **Ms. Carrasco** who is the Deputy Director of Planning.


9. **ADJOURMENT:**

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

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



Vice Chairman



Date