

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER
Friday, March 6, 2020 at 10:30 AM

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

Voting Members Absent:

Ex-Officio Members Present: Randy Galindo, Safety Manager

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Jordan, Citizen
Jessica Lopez, Citizen
Alysha Vasquez, HR Secretary

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. **Mr. Kirby** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Pinching, Remler, Tackett, Wiedenmann; No – None.

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

Ms. Remler motioned to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2020 meeting. **Ms. Pinching** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Pinching, Remler, Tackett, Wiedenmann; No – None.

4. **UPDATE ON NEW MEMBER:**

Ms. Blake informed the board that **Dianna Jordan** will be on the agenda for the next council meeting March 10, 2020. If it's approved she will be the new board member.

5. **NOMINATIONS AND VOTING FOR NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:**

Mr. Kirby nominated **Ms. Blake** for the position. The board took a vote. The vote was as follows: Yes- Kirby, Pinching, Remler, Tackett. **Ms. Wiedenmann** abstained from voting. **Ms. Blake** is the new chairman of the board.

6. **HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY AND SIGNAGE AT CITY HALL:**

Ms. Blake stated that **Ms. Jordan** had some issues when visiting City Hall. The first issue was looking for parking. She wasn't sure if the handicap parking area in the parking lot was for the public or employees only. **Ms. Blake** suggested a sign be put up that says public handicap parking.

The second issue was that **Ms. Jordan** didn't know which entrance was the main entrance. **Ms. Blake** suggested signs be posted on the windows specifying the main entrance.

The third issue was the lack of sensitivity toward **Ms. Jordan**, who was using crutches. **Ms. Blake** feels that more could have been done to assist **Ms. Jordan**. **Mr. Galindo** stated he would look into those issues.

7. **SIDEWALK CONDITIONS FOR SIXTH ST. AND CHURCH ST.:**

Ms. Blake stated East of Sixth St. near the Calvary Church, the sidewalk needs to be adjusted because it is popping up.

8. **FINAL UPDATE ON HANDICAP PARKING AT HOSPITAL:**

Ms. Blake informed the board that the hospital has made two rear entry parking spaces and has eight regular handicap parking spaces.

Mr. Kirby stated some of the handicap spaces are narrow. **Ms. Blake** stated that there are some spaces that are wider than others. She suggested that if necessary park farther away, or if one side of the building is full then try a different side.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Tackett asked about the Library sidewalk being on the list to get fixed. **Mr. Galindo** stated that it was supposed to be on the list for March.

Ms. Lopez wanted to know if there was anything else going to be done at Desert Willow School. **Ms. Blake** explained to **Ms. Lopez** that the ADA Board has done everything they can at this point to help with the issues around the school. **Ms. Blake** suggested that **Ms. Lopez** speak to **Mr. Cass** and **Mr. Janway** again.

Ms. Blake informed the board that she hasn't been able to get an update on the rear entry parking spaces at Albertsons but will continue to work on it. **Ms. Pinching** asked if the handicap parking spaces are wide enough. **Ms. Blake** reminded the board that the parking lot is temporary right now due to construction. She will try to get some more information on Albertsons future plans for the new parking lot.

Ms. Blake informed the board that she needs them to bring her items to put on the agenda. **Mr. Galindo** suggested maybe quarterly meetings. **Ms. Blake** asked if he can see if that can be done. **Mr. Kirby** suggested that maybe make the public aware that they can contact the city with an accessibility issue, which will then be forwarded to the board.

10. **ADJOURMENT:**

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

The vote was as follows: Yes –Blake, Kirby, Pinching, Remler, Tackett, Wiedenmann;

No – None.

Chairman

Date