

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**

**City of Carlsbad  
Disabilities Advisory Board  
Janell Whitlock Municipal Complex**

**Friday, April 1, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Meeting Held in the Janell Whitlock Municipal Complex  
Council Chambers  
114 S. Halagueno St.**



CITY OF CARLSBAD  
CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

**DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

Friday, April 1, 2022 at 10:30 AM

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114 S. Halagueno Street

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4. Presentation by Audiologist Walt Allery regarding hearing assistive equipment for city properties
5. Consider recommendation for directional signage for handicap entry points or ramps
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7. Discussion to request City of Carlsbad department managers to attend upcoming board meetings
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10. Adjourn

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**DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Regular meeting – Friday, May 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

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ADVISORY BOARD  
HELD IN THE JANELL WHITLOCK MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
114 S. HALAGUENO STREET, APRIL 1, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tarrant Blake	Chairperson
Teresa Allery	Board Member
Jerry Remler	Board Member
Elizabeth Simonton	Board Member ( <i>via virtual meeting</i> )
Machell Tackett	Board Member
Deborah Pinching	Board Member

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tom Kirby

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Patterson	Planning Director
Trysha Ortiz	Deputy Planning Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Walt Allery	Citizen
Richard Pinching III	Citizen
Jennifer Campos	Planning & Zoning Executive Secretary

Time Stamps and headings below correspond to recording of meeting and the recording is hereby made a part of the official record.

0:00:02      Start Recording [10:36:44 AM]

0:00:08      **1. Roll call of Voting Members and Determination of Quorum**

Roll was called, confirming the presence of a quorum of board members. The following members were present— **Ms. Blake, Ms. Tackett, Ms. Simonton, Ms. Allery, Ms. Remler, Ms. Pinching.** Absent— **Mr. Kirby.**

0:00:56      **2. Approval of Agenda**

**Ms. Pinching** made a motion to approve the Agenda; **Ms. Allery** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: **Yes— Ms. Blake, Ms. Tackett, Ms. Simonton, Ms. Allery, Ms. Remler, Ms. Pinching.** No—None. Absent— **Mr. Kirby.** Abstained—None. The motion carried.

0:01:18      **3. Approval of Minutes from the regular Meeting held March 4, 2022**

**Ms. Pinching** states that she would like an addition to the Minutes regarding the steps in front of the Municipal Annex; they are curved and someone could lose their balance. **Mr. Patterson** states this will be added to the list of recommendations. **Ms. Allery** made a motion to approve, **Ms. Tackett** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: **Yes— Ms. Blake, Ms. Tackett, Ms. Simonton, Ms. Allery, Ms. Remler, Ms. Pinching.** No—None. Absent— **Mr. Kirby.** Abstained—None. The motion carried.

0:03:01      **4. Presentation by Audiologist Walt Allery regarding hearing assistive equipment for city properties**

**Ms. Blake** states that she asked **Mr. Allery** to give a presentation on hearing devices; he is a retired Audiologist. **Mr. Allery** says there is too much reverberation in the Chambers. People with hearing loss or hearing aids have a hard time hearing what is being said. A boom microphone would help because most people do not speak into the microphone. The wearer could walk around as well. An FM system would work well; the City would have to buy all the equipment and then hand them out at the door to those who need them. **Mr. Patterson** mentions the City already has some equipment that could help; and all systems have a transmitter. **Mr. Allery** suggests that people coming to meetings be offered assistance with hearing devices. **Mr. Patterson** says it is printed on the agenda that hearing device assistance is available with 48-hour advance notice. **Ms. Blake** states it would be helpful to have the devices easily accessible and immediately available when people come to the Chambers. **Mr. Allery** says there is a new system called Wave Cast, or wi-fi; it connects to phones when an app is downloaded. It eliminates all background noise. It is hooked up to Bluetooth and then would be accessible to all devices; such as hearing aids. It would cost the City between \$1,000-\$3,000. With a transmitter, it could work in multiple buildings. **Mr. Pinching** mentions that his top-of-the-line hearing aids caused sounds from boom boxes and loud vehicles to sound like a fire fight. **Mr. Allery** states that not all hearing devices are overpriced; nor does everyone need top-of-the-line hearing aids. He states all hearing aids do the same thing; the expensive ones have more features.

0:25:00      **5. Consider recommendation for directional signage for handicap entry points or ramps**

**Ms. Blake** asks **Ms. Remler** to speak on her issues with directional signage for ramps. **Ms. Remler** states that sometimes she cannot find the entry ramp at a business. She mentions specifically The Blue House, in which case it is around in the back. **Ms. Blake** says there are numerous places where it is not obvious where the ramps are; and signage is needed.

0:27:19      **6. Discussion regarding advertising the Disability Advisory Board**

**Ms. Blake** states that more advertising is needed for the Disability Advisory Board meetings; Kyle Marksteiner, The City's Public Information Officer, was going to help; but he has a recent injury. **Ms. Ortiz** states that there is no budget for advertising; further, no City meetings are advertised in the Current-Argus. **Ms. Blake** states social media gets a lot of views. **Mr. Patterson** says they could tell Kyle that he could consider advertising on Facebook for the Disability Advisory Board meetings.

0:30:32      **7. Discussion to request City of Carlsbad department managers to attend upcoming board meetings**

**Ms. Blake** states they would like to have participation with City department managers in upcoming meetings. She would like them to know what the Disability Advisory Board is doing. **Mr. Patterson** asks her which department, she replies Public Works because of they handle streets and sidewalks. **Ms. Ortiz** says she will reach out to them.

0:31:46      **8. Consider approval for May 6, 2022 for a facility visit to City of Carlsbad City Hall**

**Ms. Blake** states they will plan for another facility tour on May 6 to visit the City of Carlsbad City Hall. **Ms. Pinching** makes a motion to approve the tour of City Hall on May 6, 2022; **Ms. Tackett** seconds the motion. The vote was as follows: **Yes— Ms. Blake, Ms. Tackett, Ms. Simonton, Ms. Allery, Ms. Remler, Ms. Pinching.** No—None. Absent— **Mr. Kirby.** Abstained—None. The motion carried

0:32:51      **9. Facility Visit to City of Carlsbad Library & Museum**

**Ms. Blake** states the group will now tour the Carlsbad Library & Museum to make note of accessibility issues and other suggestions.


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Stop Recording [11:07:01 AM]

The group made the following observations and recommendations during their walkthrough of the Carlsbad Museum and Library:

1. The pedestrian crossing at the Fox St. and Alameda St. intersection has no ramp on the NE corner and the SW corner.
2. There is significant sidewalk buckling along the east side of Alameda St., west of the library.
3. The curb and gutter on the SE corner of Alameda and Mermod St. needs to be repaired.
4. The ground under the Transit shelter should be leveled out.
5. The trees along Mermod St. by the small parking lot need bumpers around the in ground grates.
6. The curb at the SW corner of Halagueno St. and Mermod St. should be marked
7. The water control valve within the Halagueno St. sidewalk should be marked.
8. The bollard along the Halagueno St. sidewalk should be painted a brighter color.
9. There are numerous sunken areas adjacent to the sidewalks around the Halagueno Arts Park. This could be sprinkler erosion.
10. The northeast corner of the south stage should be leveled.
11. There should be a sign at the east display room of the Museum that says "Close Quarters".
12. The route to the bathroom through the military room is not fully accessible due to a narrow doorway. A sign should be posted in case assistance is needed.
13. In the Library, the restroom doors are problematic, tough to open and handle.
14. In the Library, the Emergency Exit at the rear of the building is not visible enough.
15. In the Museum, the automatic door needs to be marked inside and outside.

**10. Adjourn**

  
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Chairman

  
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Date