

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER
Friday, June 7, 2019 at 10:30 AM

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

Voting Members Absent: Machell Tackett, Member
Brenda Wiedenmann, Member

Ex-Officio Members Present: None

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Randy Galindo, Safety Manager

Others Present: Patricia Carrasco, Deputy Planning Director
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. Pinching motioned to approve the agenda. **Ms. Blake** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Pinching, Remler; No – None.

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

Ms. Blake motioned to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2019 meeting. **Ms. Pinching** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Pinching, Remler; No – None.

4. **8TH STREET PROJECT – WHAT IS PHASE II?:**

Ms. Carrasco informed the board that she spoke with **Mr. K.C. Cass** and he said that Phase II is actually Part 2 of Phase I. The project is now on hold due to shallow gas lines.

Ms. Blake informed the board that she has been unable to get in touch with **Mr. Pat Cass** regarding the accessibility signs for 8th street.

Ms. Carrasco advised the board that they might want to get in touch with **Mr. K.C. Cass**, who is overseeing the project.

Ms. Blake motioned to table this discussion until she can speak with either **Mr. Pat Cass** or **Mr. K.C. Cass**. **Ms. Pinching** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Pinching, Remler; No – None.

5. **DISCUSSION OF MISSOURI STREET SIDEWALKS:**

Ms. Pinching informed the board that she had someone approach her with a concern over the sidewalk in the area across from the church on Missouri street.

Ms. Blake motioned to table this discussion until she can speak to **Mr. Pat Cass**. **Ms. Pinching** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Pinching, Remler; No – None.

6. **DISCUSSION OF CROSSWALK SIGNAL AT MERMOD & HALAGUENO ST:**

Ms. Blake informed the board that she was at the crosswalk at Mermod & Halagueno and she could not here the signal especially with the heavy traffic. She would like to know what she needs to do to request that the deaf signal be turned up.

Ms. Carrasco said she would send an email request to Public Works.

7. **DISCUSSION OF CONTACT WITH CITY OFFICIALS:**

Ms. Blake informed the board that she has been unable to reach City Officials. If she calls and leaves a message, no one calls her back. This was an issue a few months ago and after a meeting with **Mr. Lowe** it got better. However, in the past few months, it has become an issue again.

Ms. Carrasco advised the board that they should get in touch with **Mr. Lowe** again to address these concerns. She said that she would also let **Mr. Lowe** know that the board has been unable to reach City Officials.

Ms. Blake and/or **Mr. Kirby** will be calling **Mr. Lowe** to discuss their concerns with lack of communication from City Officials.

8. **DISCUSSION OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Ms. Blake recommended that members of the board attend the next Planning & Zoning meeting to see how they run their meetings.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Blake announced that on July 1, 2019, there will be two open seats available for

the Disability Advisory Board. She asked **Mr. Neighbors** if he would be interested in being a member of the board again. **Mr. Neighbors** said he would be interested.

Ms. Blake would like to add Disability Advisory Board Member Recommendations on the next agenda so that recommendations for the two openings can be made.

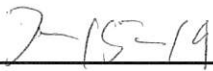
Mr. Neighbors advised the board that they need to look at accessibility issues that have the greater impact on the public. For example, City Hall elevator and 2nd floor. These are accessible but not to everyone, as it is a tight space. Also, how about businesses and churches, are they all accessible to everyone. **Ms. Blake** mentioned about all the restaurants in town. There are some that are not accessible at all, such as the Lucky Bull 2nd floor and the Trinity which you have to go in thru the back and wait for them to unplug the blast freezer, for you to pass thru.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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


Chairman


Date