

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

Voting Members Present: Tarrant Blake
Tom Kirby
Jerry Remler
Machell Tackett
Brenda Wiedenmann

Voting Members Absent: Deborah Pinching

Ex-Officio Members Present: Randy Galindo

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Others Present: Patricia Carrasco, Deputy Planning Director
Haley Jones, Student Accessibilities Service Coordinator,
NMSU-C
Christina Mann
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. Tackett motioned to approve the agenda. **Ms. Blake** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Remler, Tackett, Wiedenmann; No – None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING:

Ms. Blake motioned to approve the minutes from the special November 19, 2018 meeting. **Ms. Tackett** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Remler, Tackett, Wiedenmann; No – None.

4. DISCUSSION OF CITY ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES:

A motion was made to contact **Mr. Lowe** regarding whether or not they are an advisory board and therefore, have somebody they report to deal with issues or are they supposed to be contacting the city departments themselves to deal with the issues.

Ms. Blake motioned that she would contact **Mr. Lowe** and **Mr. Kirby** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Kirby, Remler, Tackett, Wiedenmann; No – None.

Ms. Blake brought up the issue of housekeeping. She and **Mr. Kirby** will make more of an effort to be more organized for the next meeting. They both apologized to the board and will make an effort to keep in line with the topic being discussed and not jump around topic to topic.

Mr. Neighbors let the board know that the City of Carlsbad Comprehensive Plan Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9th. He recommends that everyone take the survey. It is available on-line and should only take a few minutes to complete. The upcoming changes are going to affect accessibility. He said the changes may be positive for some and negative for others. **Mr. Neighbors** did ask why the meeting was scheduled on a Wednesday.

Ms. Carrasco explained that they had issues with Monday night as it is the planning/zoning committee meeting, Tuesday is the City Council Meeting and Wednesday was the best day and worked well with the consultants, Consensus Planning, as they are coming in from Albuquerque.

She did let them know that this was the first of at least three meetings. They do plan to offer the additional meetings on different days. She also let them know that in addition to the survey being available on-line, hard copies are available at City Hall, the Carlsbad Public Library and the Carlsbad Senior Center. She also let them know that the survey is available in Spanish as well.

Mr. Neighbors stated that he believes the City of Carlsbad is where it's at because of lack of planning years ago and still not caught up and will not catch up. He referenced a recent article that discussed how trash is an issue because they decided to do away with the big dumpsters and now use the rollouts.

He said the survey talks about restaurants in the downtown area. He said he is not excited about that because they will not be accessible. He states that there is still the lack of parking in the downtown area. Adding in more businesses to the downtown will not help with the accessibility issue.

Mr. Kirby brought up the idea of having a parking garage built in the downtown area. **Ms. Carrasco** informed him that those businesses in the downtown area are privately owned and therefore someone would have to donate land to build the garage. In addition, an independent contractor would have to be brought in to build it.

ADJOURMENT:

5.

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

Chairman

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