

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
NORTH MESA SENIOR CENTER
Friday, November 1, 2019 at 10:30 AM

Voting Members Present: Tarrant Blake, Vice Chairman
Don Neighbors, Chairman
Jerry Remler, Member
Brenda Wiedenmann, Member

Voting Members Absent: Tom Kirby, Member
Deborah Pinching, Member
Machell Tackett, Member

Ex-Officio Members Present: Randy Galindo, Safety Manager

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Jordan, Citizen
Jessica Lopez, Citizen
Patricia Ortiz, Deputy Director of Planning
Alysha Vasquez, HR Secretary

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

Chairman Don Neighbors called the meeting to order and it was determined that there was a Quorum of the Voting Members.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

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

Ms. Blake motioned to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2019 meeting. **Ms. Remler** seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Blake, Neighbors, Remler, Wiedenmann; No – None.

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

Mr. Neighbors informed the board that he has spoken with **Jesse Crane**, the Assistant District Engineer, and **Lonnie Perry**, the New Mexico Department of Transportation Engineer. They are working on getting more information on right of ways and are trying to locate the landscaping permit. **Mr. Crane** and **Mr. Perry** will be sending a guy down to take some pictures to see why the button was put on the wrong side of the pole and to see if the landscaping was ever permitted. **Mr. Neighbors** stated he will continue to communicate with **Mr. Crane** and **Mr. Perry** to get updates on this issue.

5. **UPDATE ON SIDEWALKS AROUND DESERT WILLOW SCHOOL:**

Mr. Galindo spoke with **Mr. Cass** about putting signs up. **Mr. Galindo** stated he noticed a few new ones already posted. **Ms. Lopez** advised the board she also spoke to **Mr. Cass** for an update. He stated that the city is working on getting sidewalks put in.

Mr. Neighbors advised the board to go on the city website and read the Comprehensive Plan. **Mr. Neighbors** stated that there used to be a "Safe Route to Schools Program" with the Comprehensive Plan. He advised **Ms. Ortiz** that program would be a good program to start up again.

Ms. Blake stated that getting additional crossing guards might help the situation, or make the area a "no standing zone" where there is a parking issue.

Mr. Neighbors stated he would try and speak with the Superintendent of the Schools and Chief Skinner.

6. **UPDATE ON CARLSBAD RV PARK:**

Ms. Ortiz informed the board that the RV Park is going to expand. Permits have been issued. She will check with the building department to get details on what exactly they are expanding on.

7. **DISCUSSION ON SIDEWALKS ON LEA ST.:**

Mr. Neighbors stated that there are no sidewalks leading to the new school and in the area near the new subdivision going up on Lea St. and the areas that do have sidewalks need to be fixed because lack of access. **Ms. Ortiz** stated that the area where the new subdivision will be, sidewalks are going to be extended, and that the new standard requires sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Neighbors advised the board that he would like the members to attend the other board meetings and be more involved when there are new schools and subdivisions being built. By doing so a lot of these issues can be caught ahead of time.

Ms. Lopez stated she would attend the meetings as a citizen to observe and speak on some of these issues.

Ms. Blake asked **Ms. Ortiz** if there was any requirements or plans on including ADA housing for these new builders. **Ms. Ortiz** stated no, that was up to the builders. **Ms. Blake** stated that it might be a good idea to offer some of these builders an incentive to build some ADA accessible houses because these houses will work for everyone.

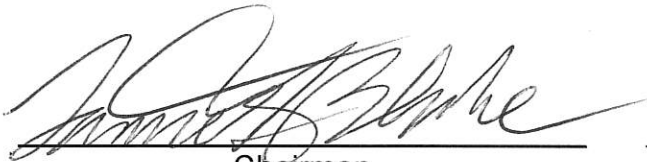
Ms. Jordan mentioned that the handicap parking at Walmart doesn't seem to be being monitored. **Ms. Blake** advised **Ms. Jordan** that she will need to speak with Walmart because it is a private parking lot.

Ms. Ortiz advised the board that the next Planning & Zoning meetings are November 4, 2019 & December 2, 2019 at 5:00 in the New City Council Chambers.

9. **ADJOURMENT:**

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, Wiedenmann;
No – None.



Chairman



Date