

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014 10:00 A.M.

GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER
3221 RODEO RD.
CLASSROOM 1

Amended Item: 6-C

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FOR MARCH 20TH MEETING & MAY 15TH MEETING
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MIN. TOTAL)
- 6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) TRANSITION PLAN SPREADSHEET LISTINGS DAVE MCQUARIE
 - b) REVIEW & REVISE MCD BROCHURE MARCIA BOWMAN
 - c) A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE GOVERNING BODY'S INTENTION TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE SANTA FE PLAZA BY PROVIDING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT AND INCREASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES (Mayor Gonzales, Councilors Ives and Dimas) ISAAC PINO
- 7. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) MCD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - b) CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION- MARCIA BOWMAN

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF (3 MINUTES)

8. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING JULY 17, 2014

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN NEED OF ACCOMMODATIONS, CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 955-6520, FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO MEETING DATE.

THIS IS A FRAGRANCE FREE MEETING

**Please notify Marcia Bowman, Chair at 438-4382 and/or David A. Chapman, Interim ADA Coordinator/Liaison, at 955-2012 if you are unable to attend.

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MINUTES OF THE

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

June 19, 2014

A scheduled meeting of the Mayor's Committee on Disability was called to order by Marcia Bowman, Chair on this date at approximately 10:00 a.m. at Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road, Classroom 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Marcia Bowman, Chair Ron Ortiz Dinkel E. Mariam Jawar (arrived later) Mary McGinnis Dave McQuarie Nancy Pieters (arrived later)

The Committee has one vacancy

Members Excused:

Dr. Charles Maynard

Members Absent

Roberta Hunt, Vice Chair

Staff Present:

Lisa Martinez

Others Present:

Isaac Mr. Pino, Ben Sherr, Student Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Ortiz Dinkel moved to approve the agenda as published. Mr. McQuarie seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Pieters entered the meeting at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-: March 20, 2014 & May 15, 2014

March 20, 2014

Page 6, third paragraph from the bottom: "He said the City has done part in making a survey..." is corrected to read: "the City has not done its part in making a survey..."

Page 2, under New Business, (c) third paragraph: "the committee members would "man" the tables was asked to be stated "would staff the tables."

Mr. McQuarie moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2014 as amended. Ms. Pieters seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

May 15, 2014

Under New Business, fifth paragraph: "He said there should be a public hearing to hear from the disabled, if the resolution <u>as</u> revived... was corrected to if the resolution <u>is</u> revived.

Mr. McQuarie moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2015 as amended. Mr. Ortiz Dinkel seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- There were none

NEW BUSINESS

a) Transition Plan Spreadsheet Listings - Dave McQuarie

Mr. McQuarie said he just received the list and all are for past fiscal years. He asked why the plans had not been before the Plan Review Committee. He said there is a good list of what is inaccessible and number one is City Hall; the City Councilors Conference Room. The room is still not accessible and not signed.

He said staff was supposed to finish the barrier assessments in 2011. He gave examples: CVB (Convention and Visitors Bureau); the people hard of hearing "are not allowed", because the City doesn't follow the regulations. He said that was pointed out to the City in the Plan Review. When the City moved [offices] to Market Street, the City was required to do a curb cut during construction. The Defouri Bridge and overlay project; the plans were submitted and the barrier removal noted. He said the City did what they wanted.

Ms. Jawhar entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. McQuarie said according to the federal highway- the City will have 30 days to do curb ramps now. He said the Plan Review Transition for public right-of-way was screwed up and City staff delayed that and the contract lapsed and the consultant was paid.

Mr. McQuarie said he plans to file a complaint when he gets healthy with the DOJ (Department of Justice). The City is not doing what is required. He said he would appreciate the Committee members joining the complaint; a barrier is a barrier not just to him, but to everyone.

Chair Bowman thanked Mr. McQuarie. She said she understands his concerns, but the Committee does not have a way to address the issues at the moment.

b) Review & Revise MCD Brochure - Marcia Bowman

Chair Bowman said the updated brochure was not visually helpful. She said she has suggested removing the shadows and having a significant heading for local, state, and national resources.

Ms. Pieters said having worked on brochures before she would suggest at least 50% of the brochure be cut to bare bones; names, phone numbers and a few words. She offered to work on the brochure.

Chair Bowman said she would let Mr. Chapman know Ms. Pieters has experience and offered her help.

Mr. Ortiz Dinkel said he recommended adding the *Job Accommodation Network*, a national accessible resource online that covers disability accommodations available.

c) A Resolution Declaring the Governing Body's Intention to Bring People to the Santa Fe Plaza by Providing a Safer Environment and Increased Economic Development Opportunities (Mayor Gonzales, Councilors Ives and Dimas) - Isaac Pino

Mr. Pino thanked the Committee for the opportunity. He explained that when the Resolution was presented at the Public Works Committee and Councilor Bushee asked that it be presented at MCD.

He said the initial proposal was to close the Plaza from Memorial Day until the day after Fiestas with the idea to make the streets and Plaza Park more accessible to pedestrians and light traffic. Two public hearings were held. The three things that everyone seemed to agree on for the Plaza are: food, music and cruising.

Mr. Pino said the proposal is going through all of the committees for approval to close the three legs of the Plaza and introduce a more robust programming of activities in the Park. The Resolution is scheduled to return to City Council on Wednesday. Police coverage has been increased and with their presence the "characters" have diminished.

He noted the ADA parking areas on a map and said two ADA spaces would be added next to the Plaza.

Ms. McGinnis asked the total number of ADA parking spaces with the two additional spaces.

Mr. Albert Martinez replied there will be a total of eight spaces. There are six spaces are currently available and two of those would be lost and added on Lincoln. In addition, the added space on Palace would suffice as the van accessible ADA space and a space would be added on Lincoln or Washington closest to the museum.

Mr. McQuarie said the map of the proposed ADA parking is a waste of time. He liked the proposal at the bank with the two different locations and noted that one is more than sufficient. He said on the East side of Lincoln, there are three or four spaces and there should only be one. He said he recommends one space, because people see parking for the disabled as taking all the spaces. The disabled don't want that and the spaces are not useful.

Mr. McQuarie said according to PROWAG (Public Rights-Of-Way Accessibility Guidelines) the first space in a blocked space should be ADA, because people up in years, cannot parallel park; they can't turn around. He said a lot of vehicles have a personal scooter or wheelchair in the trunk and people can't get to it. The first space provides an unobstructed view of the curb cut.

He said the plan is required to be reviewed by MCD if a certain dollar amount. He asked why that didn't happen. The Committee has not been consulted on the last three major projects.

Mr. Martinez said he would be glad to take Mr. McQuarie's recommendations and assured someone would contact him.

Chair Bowman asked the location of the van accessible space. Mr. Martinez replied it would be on Palace by the bank, because a curb to the left, is needed.

Mr. McQuarie said a van accessible space needs a curb on the <u>right</u>. He explained the space is to be located where the sidewalk is wide enough and doesn't need to be marked as van accessible. He recommended the City not use signage that includes *van accessible*, because it is not a requirement; the *space* is required, but not a van.

Mr. Pino added there is no construction and the barriers put up would be removable and the loading zones will remain in place. He said the City would look at the feasibility for park furniture on the East side of Lincoln and the furniture will be reviewed by the HDRB (Historic Design Review Board) next week. The emergency responders have worked with the City on the width requirements for the loading zones. The whole Plaza would be open on cruise nights for a couple of hours. That will also include Palace, if the vendors under the portal have left.

There are eight major commercial events allowed by City ordinance and the bandstand has an aggressive schedule with about 70 performances in the season. Food vendors will remain in their current locations and a traffic demand report on peripheral streets has been done for the Finance Committee.

Mr. Pino said the barriers provided are currently the planters to keep traffic out and are temporary. The Plaza will reopen after Fiestas.

Mr. McQuarie said it would be helpful for Mr. Pino to have a definition of a curb barrier. He explained a six inch vertical curb is a barrier to people who use mobility devices. He said that is an inconvenience to an average person, but he couldn't step over a six inch curb. He said some of the City engineers are not addressing barriers and he has heard it is too much trouble and that the City doesn't have the money. He said that is not acceptable and is discrimination.

Chair Bowman asked if there was anything Mr. Pino needed from the Committee.

Mr. Pino said he was asked to present the item as informational and could take applicable feedback. He said part of the resolution includes a review of all issues: economic development; parking; ADA parking issues, etc. A report would go back to City Council to help make a decision whether to continue, discontinue or make modifications to the closure.

Mr. Pino said he would be sure Mr. Chapman and everyone involved are aware of Mr. McQuarie's opinions. He said although the plans are committed to a drawing, they are fluid and there is time to make changes.

Ms. Jawhar asked about the extra time and development on the two parking spaces added to make it compliant. Mr. Martinez replied there is no extra construction and the signage and curb painting, etc. could be done in one day. He said he wanted to be sure to get recommendations from McQuarie.

Ms. Jawhar asked about the ADA parking space meters that are covered with red hoods and if that means she couldn't park there. Mr. Martinez replied a red hood means the space is reserved for construction, etc. He said when that is done, there is always another meter designated for ADA that has a blue hood with the ADA emblem.

Ms. Pieters asked how the disabled community could give feedback on the plan and to whom.

Mr. Pino said various staff is assigned; economic development staff would track responses and data and the emergency responders and Parks crews will track their issues, etc. A large meeting was held with all of the staff involved to ensure everyone understood the areas they were to monitor.

Mr. Pino said people are not shy about calling in and they could call the City Manager or City Councilor at any time, but a more direct route would be to contact Mr. Chapman as the conduit. He said he has been good at the ADA Coordinator duties since taking over.

Chair Bowman thanked everyone for the information. Mr. Pino replied he would report back with feedback after all is done.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) MCD Sub-Committee Reports:
 - Transportation- Mary McGinnis

Ms. McGinnis said there was no quorum at the TAB (Transit Advisory Board) meeting and she would provide a report next month. She added that Dr. Maynard is now on the subcommittee.

- Media- Roberta Hunt no report
- Plan Review Dave McQuarie

Mr. McQuarie said he received plans for Rancho Siringo which is straight forward and has good access. He also received a set of plans for the Botanical Gardens and sent them back. He said the Botanical Gardens want to update the restroom facilities, but according to the plans, they are not accessible. He added that a lot of the routes in the overall plan are not accessible and there are sub recessed surfaces with crushed granite without stabilization.

Chair Bowman said she is a member and the Botanical Gardens are not part of the City, per se. She said she called them recently because she wanted to take someone there, but learned about the crushed granite.

Mr. McQuarie said the Gardens invite people to come and it is their responsibility to make the Gardens accessible; the City can only do something if they put in funding.

b. Certificates of Appreciation

Chair Bowman said she wanted the Committee to see the Certificates of Appreciation even though the people they would be presented to couldn't be present. The presentation would be made at another time.

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ms. Pieters said she is happy that Mr. McQuarie is back and feeling better.

Ms. Jawar said she will be out of the country on July 17 for the next meeting.

Ms. McGinnis said she is doing a poetry reading on Sunday at 2 p.m. and there would be good food and books and everyone is welcome. She brought flyers of the event.

Mr. McQuarie offered to show Ms. Pieters and Mr. Ortiz Dinkel a set of the plans for the Botanical Gardens.

Ms. Martinez thanked the Committee for allowing her to be a part of the group. She said she enjoyed it.

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING: July 19, 2014

Having completed the agenda and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Approved by:

Marcía Bowman, Chair

Submitted by:

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

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