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## MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

10:00 A.M.

GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER

3221 RODEO RD.

CLASSROOM 1

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1. CALL TO ORDER
  2. ROLL CALL
  3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
  4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FOR AUGUST 21 MEETING
  5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MIN. TOTAL)
  6. NEW BUSINESS
    - a) NEW MEXICO GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR GCCC STAFF
    - b) SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR MCD
  7. OLD BUSINESS
    - a) MCD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
    - b) STATUS OF INTERN – DAVID CHAPMAN
    - c) LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR SCHOOL OF THE DEAF ADA IMPROVEMENTS – DAVID CHAPMAN

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF (3 MINUTES)

8. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 16, 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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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2014**

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY**

**SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**September 18, 2014**

A scheduled meeting of the Mayor's Committee on Disability was called to order by Mr. Ortiz Dinkel in the absence of the 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:**

Ron Ortiz Dinkel  
Dr. Charles Maynard  
E. Meriam Jawhar (arrived later)  
Dave McQuarie  
Sharon Wirtz

**Members Excused:**

Marcia Bowman, Chair  
Nancy Pieters  
Mary McGinnis

**Members Absent**

One vacancy

**Staff Present:**

Kathlyne Gish, ADA intern  
Dave Chapman, Liaison

**Others Present:**

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A letter requesting a maintenance schedule from the Parks and Open Spaces Commission was added as item d. under Old Business.

**Dr. Maynard moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. McQuarie seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES- August 21, 2014**

**Dr. Maynard moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2014 as presented. Mr. McQuarie seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-** There were none.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) New Mexico Governor's Commission On Disability (GCD) Sensitivity Training for GCC Staff**

Mr. Chapman said the city received a letter on behalf of the GCC (Genoveva Chavez Center) from the Department of Justice (DOJ) alleging that the disabled parking was frequently blocked by buses. The letter also said the exit access for the therapeutic pool was locked.

He said the issue has been brought to this level because the complainant maintains he was treated badly by staff. The complainant said he tried to take the elevator but it was in disrepair. There was no notice and he had to go to the front desk to learn about the problem. The second entrance to the therapy pool requires that staff open the door. The staff member commented that he expected a person in a wheelchair.

*Ms. Jawhar entered the meeting at this time.*

Mr. Chapman said he contacted the facility manager and viewed the videotape. The buses were in, but stayed only for short periods of time and were not in violation. He has asked Dee Martinez at GCD to provide sensitivity training to the GCC employees and there will be two classes. He plans to attend at least one and Committee members are invited. He would send an e-mail with the training dates.

Mr. Chapman said he has responded to the DOJ and plans to write a follow-up letter to the gentleman who filed the complaint.

Mr. McQuarie asked that Mr. Chapman's response be included in the next Committee packet and the Committee be kept informed of any future complaints to the city or the DOJ.

### **b) Seeking Candidates for MCD**

Mr. Chapman said he plans to put out a press release for a replacement for Roberta Hunt before the next meeting.

Mr. McQuarie said four Committee members' terms will expire this year and those who want to continue should let Mr. Chapman know as soon as possible. Mr. Chapman could request their reappointment and the Committee needs to know the number of vacancies.

He said also the chairperson position is expiring and is usually voted on in November. He suggested members think about a nomination before November.

Mr. Ortiz Dinkel asked Mr. Chapman to add the item to the next agenda.

Mr. Chapman said the terms of Dave McQuarie, Sharon Wirtz and Merriam Jawhar will expire in January, 2015. He asked that they send him an e-mail if they wish to continue.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a) MCD Sub-Committee Reports**

- Media- Dr. Maynard

Dr. Maynard said they are preparing for October and Disability Employment Month. He said that he and Mr. Chapman, Ms. Gish and Ms. Jawar will meet today to work on a press release, radio spots and interviews. He hopes to do the press release through the city with Mr. Chapman's help, to get a wider release. He said he was open to suggestions.

Mr. Chapman said Ms. Hunt requested that the posters be laminated, but there is no resource for that. He said if the Committee wished, he could petition to use funding to do the lamination.

Dr. Maynard asked if the posters could stand alone. Mr. Chapman replied he thought they could.

Ms. Jawhar asked how expensive it would be to laminate the posters. Mr. Chapman replied he did not get a cost estimate. He said it would not be very expensive to attach the posters to a backing and that would make the posters more durable. The posters only need to last through October.

Ms. Jawhar volunteered to do the work to affix the posters to the backing.

- Plan Review – Dave McQuarie

Mr. McQuarie said the Plan Review Subcommittee had four plans to review and all are in the packet. The Nopal Drainage did not affect access. He made comments on the Defouri Bridge about the curb ramp details and permanent striping that was not included. He also reminded the project manager that blue-and-white signs are requested and signage is mandatory at the improvement projects for senior centers.

He said the final review was a Santa Fe River project that will have four pedestrian crossings on Alameda. He said there is a question about the existing intersection and whether the curb ramps are compliant and "they are not". He said he put a note in the plan review to at least put detectable warnings at all intersections and that the city should also verify compliance at all intersections.

He said the last is about the news concerning the ADA curb ramp installations. The streets are part of the previous plan review for the 2013 Overlay Project. He said the Governing Body had been advised that the streets were substandard and that public funds should not be spent on them. He thought staff tried to push that through for MCD approval, but he will not approve it. He said he called the City Manager and Dave (?) and Dave was the only one who answered his questions.

Mr. McQuarie told about another time when he asked a city engineer and project manager why access to certain streets being worked on did not include access. He was told "*you people cannot make a rational decision about where to cross and he therefore, could go to the light.*" He said he is bringing that up because the project engineer is the new Division Director; he does not come to meetings and does not answer questions.

Mr. McQuarie said he is planning to go to the City Council meeting next week to complain.

Ms. Jawhar suggested Mr. McQuarie include other people who will also be impacted.

- Transportation- Mary McGinnis

Dr. Maynard said he is on the subcommittee and has not heard of anything in weeks. He said he was told by Ms. McGinnis that means there are no complaints.

b) Status of Intern – David Chapman

Mr. Chapman introduced Kathlyne Gish and asked her to say a few words about herself.

Ms. Gish said she is an on-line student at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. She thanked everyone for the internship opportunity. She said she is putting everything she has been doing into use and the experience has been incredible.

She worked with disability advocacy for other students at the community college. She started a club called DREAMS Club (Disability Rights Education Advocacy and Mutual Support) after she graduated. She said the Club did a disability awareness fair that was very successful.

Ms. Jawhar asked if she was aware of the class at the Santa Fe Community College.

Ms. Gish said that was one of her suggestions. She said she learned that the students who were graduating with Community Services degrees were not being taught enough about advocacy. Her goal was to train students going into teaching, nursing, human services or a field where they would be working with people with disabilities, about respect and how to ask instead of telling, etc.

She said there are people who are not aware of the variations of disability. She said she has also worked on physical campus at the community college with the buttons to get into the hallway and getting through the central doors to the testing room. She was also a student ambassador and in the student government. She said she looks forward to being involved with the MCD.

Ms. Jawhar thanked Ms. Gish for her work.

Mr. Ortiz Dinkel said the Committee is glad to have her working with them and that they have a person who is not only interested, but gets results.

Ms. Wirtz said another need is people with the MCS (Multiple Chemical Sensitivity). She said she is on the task force and is the contact person. She told about a person taking a class at the community college and the classroom had just been renovated with new paint and carpet. The student asked that the class location be changed, but it was not changed. The student continued taking the class, but had to recuperate each day following the class.

She said the task force has materials and information, if anyone is interested.

Mr. Ortiz Dinkel said he hopes the Committee can be a resource for Ms. Gish.

Mr. McQuarie asked if the student had requested the classroom be moved as “a reasonable accommodation”. He said it is always good to put the request in writing.

Ms. Wirtz said the student had talked to the ADA Coordinator, who is no longer at the school and did make the request as a reasonable accommodation. She said this [MCS] is another disability people don't usually think about.

c) Letter of Appreciation: School of the Deaf ADA Improvements

Mr. Chapman said he thought the MCD members should sign the letter. The Committee members agreed and felt that the letter should be mailed after all of the Committee members had signed it.

Mr. Ortiz Dinkel read the letter out loud. The letter, addressed to Dr. Donald J. Stern, the Superintendent for the New Mexico School for the Deaf, thanked the School for their many efforts to make the community safer and more accessible. MCD expressed their appreciation, especially for the wonderful sidewalks on Cerrillos Road.

Mr. Chapman noted that the City Council meeting is on Tuesday (September 23<sup>rd</sup>) next week, and not Wednesday as usual.

d) Letter of request to the Parks and Open Space Commission (POSAC)

Mr. McQuarie suggested that Chair Bowman sign the letter to POSAC. He said the letter should be from the MCD chair to the POSAC chair. He said his guidance to Mr. Chapman would be to request that a policy of maintenance be established for ADA amenities; not only for trails, but restroom facilities, etc. He said POSAC could set policy and then advise the Governing Body to establish a policy.

Mr. Chapman said he could work on the letter.

### **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Mr. Chapman said he has been invited to the Governors Commission meeting and Ms. Gish will also attend. He said he expects to see Ms. Pieters there and will have her sign the thank you letter.

Ms. Jawhar said she and Dr. Maynard will meet to discuss the information for October and she would have more to report next month.

Ms. Wirtz asked if MCD does anything for awareness on Community Day. She said the MCS Task Force wondered if they could put their pamphlet in with the Mayor's Committee materials for the event.

She said also, she and Ann McCampbell are writing a pamphlet on accommodating people with MCS in nursing homes.


Mr. Chapman said he met with Ms. Pieters and she made modifications to the brochure. The changes have been incorporated by Ms. Gish and submitted to Graphics to print. He said Ms. Gish did a great job and continues to do good work and he is blessed to have her working with the Committee. He expects to have the updated brochure before the end of the year and hopes to share the brochure with the Committee at the next meeting.

Mr. Ortiz Dinkel said he had been happy to step in as vice chair for Ms. Hunt and hoped he met with the Committee's approval.

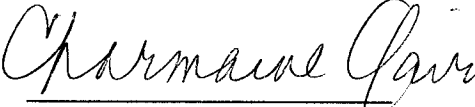
**ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING: October 16, 2014**

*Having completed the agenda and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.*

Approved by:

  
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Ron Ortiz Dinkel, Acting Vice Chair

Submitted by:

  
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Charmaine Clair, Stenographer