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3221 RODEO RD.
CLASSROOM 1

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FOR THE JANUARY 21, 2016 MEETING
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MIN. TOTAL)
6. NEW BUSINESS
   a) NMDOT CERRILLOS ROAD ADA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PAUL BRASHER – NMDOT & DAVID QUINTANA – ENGINEER SUPERVISOR CITY OF SANTA FE
   b) 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FY 2015/16 – 2019/20 – OSCAR S. RODRIQUEZ, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR
   c) CHANGE OF VENUE DISCUSSION – MARCIA BOWMAN
7. OLD BUSINESS
   a) MCD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
   b) TAXI UPDATE – AURORE BLECK
   c) PROW TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE – DAVID A. CHAPMAN

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF (3 MINUTES)

   d) ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING MARCH 17, 2016

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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER
3221 RODEO RD., CLASSROOM 1
Thursday, February 18, 2016, 10:00 am

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Mayor's Committee on Disability was called to order by Marcia Bowman, Chair, at approximately 10:00 am, on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Marcia Bowman, Chair
Aurore Bleck, Vice Chair
Dave McQuarie
Mary McGinnis
Michael Wirtz
Julie Tambourine
Coby Livingstone

MEMBERS ABSENT
Nancy Pieters, Excused
Meriam Jawhar, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT
David Chapman
Elizabeth Martin

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. McQuarie, seconded by Ms. Bleck, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 21, 2016

Mr. McQuarie said on page 2, last paragraph, first line, he has been with this committee for fifteen years and on page 5, the section under E, Lisa's last name is spelled Niei.

Ms. Bowman said on page 3, first line, it should say inpatient rehab and on page 6, under transportation, the spelling of accessible needs to be corrected.

Ms. Tambourine said on page 11, line 3, they told her no service dogs, insert false claim, in the last paragraph she was in the handicapped shower, on page 12, the first line, on the radio should be in the news, 22 veterans kill themselves every day is the correct statement, change sky to sunrise and add who will not wake up the next day.

Ms. Bleck said on page 12 Hao is the spelling of the name and on page 6, under transportation, the percentage is 25%. Also marketedly is the word used.

Mr. Wirtz said on page 3, O'Neal is the spelling of his wife's middle name.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. McQuarie, seconded by Ms. McGinnis, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Chair Bowman said she has been on this committee for six years and there have been no deaths of members. Now we have Sharon and Charles in a short time period who have both passed away. She called for a moment of silence to think about Charles. Chair Bowman said for those of you who can, it would be a nice thing to attend his service and show our support.

Mr. Chapman read the obituary.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. NMDOT CERRILLOS ROAD ADA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Chapman reported that Dave Quintana felt since Mr. Brasher was scheduled to come it would be redundant for him to come. As far as he knows Mr. Brasher is still coming. Mr. Rodriguez as well.

Mr. Brasher was unable to attend so this item was tabled.

B. 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FY 2015/16

Mr. Rodriguez was unable to attend so this item was tabled.

C. CHANGE OF VENUE

Chair Bowman reported that there was a discussion after the last meeting that the chlorine in this building is problematic. Are there any suggestions for other City properties where we can meet.

Ms. Tambourine suggested the City Council chambers or the Council Conference Room.

Chair Bowman asked are they chemically ok.

Ms. Tambourine said she would like to go spend a couple of days going in those rooms and checking. It was ok several years ago as long as the monitors and wifi are off.

Chair Bowman said she did not particularly want to meet in the chambers.

Ms. Tambourine said there is a conference room

Chair Bowman asked Mr. Chapman to check on that.

Mr. McQuarie said we have tried to have this meeting in the Council chambers before and we almost never had a quorum. Parking is an issue. Also the conference room they have is not ADA accessible.

Ms. Tambourine said for parking you can park in the handicapped space. Also the convention center parking is next door. How is the conference room not accessible.

Mr. McQuarie said it is not handicapped, it is disabled. If you are displaying a sticker or permit from the state they cannot charge you in underground parking.

Ms. Tambourine said in front of the Mayors office there are a couple of disabled spaces. She volunteered to go ahead of the meeting and make sure those spaces are coned off.

Chair Bowman asked what is inaccessible about the conference room.

Mr. McQuarie said they have a big table in that room and he and his scooter cannot fit into the room.

Ms. Tambourine said if we met in the Council chambers it might draw more people.

Chair Bowman asked is there a place like this there where we could hear each other talking.

Mr. McQuarie said in the back there is a table and chairs that are accessible. You will have an extremely difficult time getting a quorum.

Ms. Bleck asked would you show up.

Mr. McQuarie said he would.

Ms. Tambourine said if it is City Hall we might get more people from the City there. We would be close to the Mayor and may get him to come in every once in a while. She would be willing to park her car in one of those spaces and leave it there for someone else when they get there.

Mr. Chapman said he can sign the tickets for the underground parking and there will be no charge.

Chair Bowman said if we don't have to pay for parking she is ok with it. Are there any concerns about meeting in the back of the chambers.

Mr. Chapman said he will need to check that out. He said he is thinking if he confirms that is a go then do you want to put it to a vote to move the meeting.

Chair Bowman said let's meet here next month and you let us know if it is viable.

Ms. Tambourine said she may not be able to come next month. She is effected by this building and it lasts for quite a while after the meeting.

Ms. Bleck asked can we try to do it for next month.

Chair Bowman said we need a motion that states if the space is available to meet at the back of the Council chambers next month, we will meet there.

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Tambourine, seconded by Mr. Wirtz, to hold the meeting next month in the back of the Council chambers if space is available.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Chapman asked if the space is not available what do you want to do.

Chair Bowman said then we will be back here. David will let us know.

Mr. Chapman said he was just advised that Mr. Brasher will not be here. He is in Belen.

Mr. McQuarie said he is going to revert back to the last meeting. Did Lisa Niei ever get hold of you on the issue.

Chair Bowman said yes, she came up and looked and asked if it was City or State. She told her State. She said the area engineer responsible for the Santa Fe district is trying to obtain the information.

Mr. McQuarie said for your information, if you want to contact Lisa, he gave her all the correspondence he had on this last May including the letter from the Department of Transportation ADA Coordinator that they were going to construct it in summer of 2015. He has been following this for twenty one years.

Chair Bowman said she will send another note to Lisa. She does believe she is trying. She will remind her of the letter as well.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. MCD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation

Ms. McGinnis said she and Aurore just received an email that Jon Bulthuis is leaving Santa Fe Trails. There will be an issue of replacing him. She does not know how that is going to go. We have a Transit Advisory meeting next week.

Ms. Bleck said it sounded like they might fold their program into the Northern New Mexico Regional program. The blue bus program. We have fixed a lot of stuff with the transit program and it is going better, so that sounds wrong.

Mr. Chapman said maybe he can enlist someone from Public Works or Transit to come to our next meeting to let us know what is going on.

Chair Bowman said that is a good idea.

Mr. McQuarie said he agrees that having someone from Public Works come in and explain what they are going to do is a good idea. He is concerned if they give the City bus or Para Transit over to the Northern New Mexico blue bus. He thinks the connection to the disabled community would deteriorate.

Ms. Bleck said we have good local control now. It is on the next agenda to bring

up the new configuration of the subcommittee so Coby and Michael, if you want to attend you are welcome. We will announce the membership then.

Plan Review

Mr. McQuarie said there is a copy in the packet of my petition to the Council about when they can close out the ADA complaints. The petition directs the Manager to address that. He has received no answer to that or his letter where he put it in writing. He is going to notify the DOJ about them. Regarding the City railway station, it was his suggestion to not to use blue stripping for the parking spaces and that the stripping should be white because white is visible after dark. Blue is not. It bleeds into it the dark. Keith Wilson is going to make sure that happens.

Chair Bowman said great that was a success.

Mr. McQuarie said regarding the Senior Services Plan upgrade, they won't be able to do as much as they planned on. He told them as long as they make everything up to ADA standards then it is ok. He also responded that everything listed in the 2010 Transition Plan should be attended to as well. David passed out a copy of my memo where we reviewed the Patrick Smith Park work. For the most part, that only involves irrigation so he gave complete approval as long as it does not impact ADA.

Media

Ms. Tambourine said she has a petition she has been given that is addressed to this Committee and City Council. It has not been given to City Council yet in order to see if we can resolve this before it goes any further. It is regarding a complaint about the Salvador Perez pool. The water is too cold. She asked the person doing this petition to go out there with thermometers to get evidence. See if it is 84 degrees or not. She is working with Liz Roybal. We are meeting tomorrow morning. The issue appears to be that people with disabilities are uncomfortable using that pool. She does not know what all the issues are.

Ms. Bleck said they have a problem here as well. The staff keeps track of the temperatures and there is probably record of that you can look at.

Chair Bowman said there is an issue and it is being worked on and being addressed.

Mr. McQuarie said he wishes she would go ahead and serve the petition to the Council so it is on record in the Council minutes.

Ms. Tambourine said she will do that.

Ms. Tambourine said she has a report on the good, the bad and the ugly. We are watching what is going on around town. The good is David Catanach, Streets and Drainage Division Director. She was one of the people who ran into a nasty pot hole on Cerrillos Road and it did some damage to her car. She called David and told him the problem and that is was especially dangerous for the disabled. He immediately sent a crew out and had that hole filled right away that day or the next day. She was impressed with that. She is also impressed with how the City is handling it. They have had their City insurance calling her to get an estimate of the damages to her car. She is not sure who is responsible. She has had a discussion with David Catanach regarding who is liable. She does not want the City to pay for something they are not liable for.

Mr. McQuarie said that is all under the Ordinance, Chapter 23, 1 A and 1 B.

Ms. Tambourine said also on the good is Angelica Lucero at office of the Superintendent of Insurance. Her car insurance guy did a fraudulent pull from my account in January. Over the phone Angelica did an exceptional job of accommodating my disability and filling out the report for me so they could do an investigation.

Ms. Tambourine said the bad is that she parked in a disabled space and was accosted. A man and woman yelled at her and said that she should not be parking there. She thanked them for the compliment. This is what happens to people who have invisible disabilities. Also an ugly is Behzad who is the Manager of the Santa Fe Community College cafeteria. We are having serious, on going problems there regarding discrimination against people with disabilities that is illegal. She was in a class and needed to eat dinner on her break. The Manager threw me out of the cafeteria because she had her service dogs. He said they did not have their vests on or patches, which are not required by law. He said he had to check to see if she is registered with security and the college to have the dogs and that they did not want dog hair in the cafeteria. He said he had been given those instructions at administrative meetings. In December she had the Governors Commission write a letter to the President Randy Grisholm and Vaughn Haggman about discrimination. They have a pattern of discrimination going on. The President will not meet with her on it. She had high blood pressure so high that she could not see when the Cafeteria Manager accosted her.

B. TAXI UPDATE

Ms. Bleck said Catherine Lee saw an accessible vehicle. She talked to the person and they have the vehicle but have not yet trained the drivers. They expect to get that done in about a month.

Chair Bowman said you are making progress.

Ms. Bleck said regarding Transportation in general, Councilor Dominguez had an

editorial in the Santa Fe New Mexican talking about the budget crisis and when he listed priorities he put transportation at the end, as if it was not a prime necessity for many people. That is a little scary.

Chair Bowman said the budget for the City is very scary. She understands why David is doing two jobs but it does not make her happy.

C. PROW TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Chapman said a Letter to Proceed was mailed out on Monday. He should hear from the contractor soon providing him a timeline and when they will be here for the kick off of the project. It is moving on schedule.

8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mr. McQuarie said under change of venue, if we do change where we are meeting please let those of us that do rely on Para Transit know a minimum of two weeks before the meeting so that we can schedule the ride.

Ms. McGinnis said she is concerned about what the next step would be to get people to show up at our meetings.

Chair Bowman said yes, it has been three months that we have had people who promised to be here and did not show up.

Mr. McQuarie said with him being an employee of the Highway Department, he can state that it has been his experience that when the City has a problem the State is very reluctant to let them know what is going on. When we ask them to come, don't expect much. He has found out that we can get better action going to the Feds. The Feds can tell them do it.

Chair Bowman said she is still having fun with her Steady As You Go class. It is going well.

Ms. Bleck said to David, while you were on the phone, it was said that the folks using public transit need to know two weeks in advance about a venue change so they can make reservations.

Ms. Mcginnis said she is wondering if it would be of benefit to do a letter to the editor regarding transportation being such a low priority.

Chair Bowman said that is an excellent idea.

Mr. McQuarie said he agrees but he would also suggest that she do it under her name not as a member of the Committee.

Chair Bowman said it does not mean it has to be critical but it could say you think transportation is very critical to the disabled community.

Ms. Tambourine said that is a great idea. Let the public know.

Chair Bowman said anyone so inclined feel free to send a letter to the New Mexican.

Mr. Wirtz said the Multiple Chemical Sensitively Task Force of New Mexico is in limbo. They are trying to do a meeting of the Task Force. He will be there. His wife was the prime contact for this Task Force. They are going to be discussing if they are going to continue and if so who is going to take over the phone calls. They are going to try to find someone to take his wife's place in answering the phones. A friend of ours passed away in Las Cruces, New Mexico a year ago. She had a van that she gave to him and he sold it and gave the money to the Task Force to write a hand out that talks about when patients with chemical sensitivities go to medical facilities or nursing homes how these facilities can meet their needs. There is talk about producing this brochure and we will talk about it next Wednesday at the meeting. He will report back to the Committee at the March meeting. He wants to see the Task Force continue and most members do as well. He will be there to encourage them.

Ms. Tambourine said she has a copy of an email regarding the issue of us being able to design and print up business cards at our own expense. It says the only people authorized to have City business cards are City employees and the City Council. The City prohibits the practice. She feels very strongly that we should have business cards if we pay for them ourselves. There are only two of our Committees in the State. We are on the forefront and are leaders here. We are volunteers. When she spoke to Liz Roybal she said thank you for all you do as volunteers on the Committee, we appreciate it. She thinks we should have cards to look professional. She is asking if it is ok to pursue convincing the officials to see if we can get an exception. She thinks there is good potential to change that decision.

Chair Bowman said she does not want a card. She speaks out when she needs to and lets people know her position. She thinks it is not unreasonable that the City says the only ones who can have cards are the City employees and the Governing Body. It is universal.

Ms. Bleck said she got a card from a woman who moved here and does advocacy work and she had made up her own card. You could do that and when handing it out say you are part of the Mayor's Committee. Her card was nice.

Ms. Tambourine said she is a mediator. When she is talking to for instance, Liz

Roybal, she is speaking about something going to the Mayor's Committee. It makes her and the Committee look unprofessional. We want people to know about our Committee. She wants cards for people who want to come to her about issues that are specific and need to come to this Committee. It is inappropriate for her to give an advocate card when she is doing something for the Mayor's Committee. She would like to purchase her own. If we don't want one we don't have to.

Chair Bowman said it makes you look professional and the rest of us look unprofessional as volunteers. She does not think it is a good idea.

Mr. Chapman said the City made it very clear to him that this is their stand on it. He can find out what the process is to appeal that and provide you that information. My feeling is that it will fall on deaf ears. Other committees have wanted their own cards and this had been vetted before.

Ms. Tambourine said she is a mediator and that is what mediating is about. To change some decision that had not been approved.

Chair Bowman said the City does not want to pay for cards so if people pay for their own, some would have them and some would not.

Ms. Bleck said she does not think we look unprofessional. People who have come to me don't care about that. They are happy to have my name, number and email address and they want results. Those are the people she cares about in terms of representing the Committee.

Ms. Tambourine said the people she deals with do ask for cards.

Chair Bowman said the City officials know that you can't have a card.

Ms. Tambourine said not all of them do. It would be nice to have an option. She would like to look into that.

Ms. Bleck said we should all do it or all not do it.

Ms. Tambourine said if we are paying for our own cards it should not matter.

Chair Bowman said it is not appropriate for one person to have cards and others not. That is unprofessional.

Ms. Tambourine said she will get everyone a card and pay for them herself. She can do a better job if she looks professional.

Ms. McGinnis said she does not want a card. She has her counseling business cards and there are still people who come to me with questions about advocacy and that

is enough.

Ms. Tambourine said she is just offering. She is asked constantly. She wants to be able to give them a card. It would be nice if it was an option.

Chair Bowman said the chances are pretty minimal, but you can ask.

Ms. Tambourine said so it is ok for her to look into the process.

Chair Bowman said as an individual but not doing it on behalf of this Committee.

Mr. McQuarie said as a point of information, Mr. Chapman handed out the Capital Improvement in preparation for the talk we were supposed to have from Mr. Rodriguez. He called everyone's attention to page 17 near the end. It says on the right hand side repairing or replacing ADA ramps that are non compliant or non accessible, stressing 2014. There was a Federal court decree in 1993 concerning this overlay on curb ramps. Curb ramps are supposed to be installed at the same time as the overlay. City staff are still under the impression that they can do it when they get around to it. What about the ones in 2015 and the ones they will do in 2016. They do not do what they say. They do overlays and never put in any curb ramps. A good example is on Rodeo Road coming into this building They have not done it and that is on the 2013 overlay.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Bowman called for the meeting to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Marcia Bowman

Marcia Bowman, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer