



Agenda

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018
10:00 A.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE, N.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. ROLL CALL
 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FOR THE MAY 17, 2018 MEETING
 - 4B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FOR THE JUNE 21, 2018 MEETING
 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MIN. TOTAL)
 6. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
 - a) INTRODUCTION – NEW STREETS AND MAINTANCE DIVISION DIRECTOR – JAVIER MARTINEZ
 - b) STUDIO-G AT SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – VICTOR HUGHES
 7. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) MCD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
- ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF (3 MINUTES)
8. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 16, 2018

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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 LINCOLN AVENUE
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018, 10:00 AM**

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**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
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THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018, 10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Mayors Committee on Disability was called to order by Aurore Bleck, Chair at 10:00 am, on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aurore Bleck, Chair
Michael Wirtz
Kathlyne Gish
Nancy Pieters
(3 vacancies)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dave McQuarie, Excused
Miriam Jawhar, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Daniel Fernandez, ADA Coordinator
Javier Martinez, City of Santa Fe
Victor Hughes
Elizabeth Matin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Bleck said she would like add item 7B, Legislative Action Plan for Types of Income Legislation.

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Pieters, seconded by Ms. Gish, to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAY 17, 2018

Chair Bleck said the meeting adjourned at 1:35 am, not pm. On page 1 the stenographers name is misspelled.

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 21, 2018

Chair Bleck said on page 5 it is the Transit Advisory Board and Manager instead of manger

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. INTRODUCTION - NEW STREETS AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION DIRECTOR - JAVIER MARTINEZ

Mr. Martinez said good morning. He is the new Streets and Maintenance Director. He started in May of this year. He graduated from NMSU in 2001. He was a designer for roadways, streets and sidewalks and some trails here in Santa Fe for 10 years. He is familiar with ADA issues for curbs and ramps and sidewalk areas. He was a traffic engineer for the State Department of Transportation and then came here. When he came here he was surprised to see that sidewalk repairs and maintenance is the responsibility of property owners unless they live on an access controlled arterial. That is in the code. He talked to David Catanach before he left and when residents call they are shocked to hear that they have to do the repairs and get a permit which costs \$200. He has one inspector who goes out and determines if the City needs to cite the homeowner. At that point they have 30 days to take care of the issue or send a request to the City Manager of hardship saying they cannot afford to do the work. We will send a second notice then we inspect for completion. He has 2 employees who work with concrete on the arterials that do not fall under residents. As those get brought to our

attention we address those issues. We also do valley gutters. The other thing we are lucky to have is the gas tax bond for repaving of the streets. Part of that is upgrading curb ramps to update them to code. Daniel and John Romero have been involved with some of the design. His department also manages that construction and street maintenance. We have completed Rodeo Road, Paseo de Peralta, Upper Canyon Road and Agua Fria from St. Frances to a bit past Osage. There are lot of ADA issues on that piece of Agua Fria. Driveways are not part of the projects. The intersections are. We will be starting again at the beginning of August. On the radar is Avenida de la Companas. Also in the next round is Silar Road and a portion of Calle Lorka between St. Michaels and San Mateo and Johnson Street downtown. We hope to get all that done this year. Next year we have another round of streets scheduled.

Chair Bleck asked did you say they don't do it this way in other municipalities with land owner responsibility.

Mr. Martinez said he did not know that. He was just bringing this to the Board's attention. In Albuquerque they do it the same way. In the past we have helped residents in certain areas where we can with snow removal.

Mr. Wirtz said with these projects a lot of them involve privately owned properties adjacent to the sidewalks so those individuals have to help pay for the project that includes their sidewalks.

Mr. Martinez said if it is an issue of ADA compliance, no. If it is a violation in front of their residence then it is the residents responsibility. The only thing we do is inspect it.

Mr. Wirtz asked are businesses responsible for sidewalks in front of their business.

Mr. Martinez said yes, if they are not on an access controlled arterial street like Airport Road. Then per code the City is responsible.

Mr. Martinez said on St. Frances and St. Michaels Drive and Paseo de Peralta there is a piece owned by the New Mexico Department of Transportation and they are responsible for those sidewalks. In front of the cemetery is owned by NMDOT. We pass repair issues to them.

Chair Bleck said welcome and thank you for being here. We are glad you have so much ADA experience.

**B. STUDIO G AT SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
VICTOR HUGHES**

Mr. Hughes said he has been involved with the Studio G project for 6 months.

This started at NMSU in 2011 and now includes 15 other colleges and Universities in New Mexico. We have helped over 700 clients to raise funds for venture capital. One out of 4 clients actually brings a product to market. Something he found in the last 6 months is there is a large population of persons with disabilities who are interested in starting a new business. Our mission is to help 24 student entrepreneurs over the next year. So far he has 12 clients and of those 12 there are persons with disabilities and 3 are Veterans with post traumatic stress. He would like to know what resources are available for persons with disabilities to start new businesses. He hopes that can be a conversation for this Committee and the City of Santa Fe.

Chair Bleck said Victor has applied to be a member of this Commission.

Mr. Fernandez said he doesn't know of resources off hand. This is a good starting point. We should look more.

Mr. Hughes said he is a Veteran with post traumatic stress and there are a lot of hurdles to overcome. The City might be able to come in and help with certain aspects.

Chair Bleck asked what kind of help.

Mr. Hughes said the big piece is start up capital to help them get an opportunity to try and succeed or fail without serious complications to their lives. He is working on a program with people who do not have resources. He helps clients to put together packets of information for funders. People with disabilities have specific needs. He is interested in Federal resources.

Ms. Pieters said DVR has funds for individuals with disabilities. It would be cool to make a handout of how to access programs. People get frustrated.

Mr. Wirtz asked do you have any examples of success.

Mr. Martinez said he has only been here 6 months. He does have some clients doing interesting projects.

Mr. Fernandez said you might check with the New Mexico Technical Assistance Program. They have Federal funding and a loan program.

Mr. Hughes asked Daniel to send him an email on that.

Ms. Pieters said there is a movie out called *The Rider* that she highly recommends everyone see. It is about a young Native American rodeo rider who gets a severe brain injury while riding. The movie is about how he lives on the reservation and there are no job opportunities and what he goes through after he finds he cannot ride anymore with the injury. You learn there is more to life than just what is in front of you. Maybe you could do a movie on your disabled entrepreneurs.

Mr. Hughes said he is working with a Veteran cinematographer now. He is looking for people to film success stories.

Chair Bleck said thank you Victor. We hope you can join us soon.

7. OLD BUSINESS MCD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Plan Review

Mr. Fernandez said we had a small plan review. There was not much on ADA. They are going through ramping up a drainage system and repairing it. It might effect part of a trail so we discussed a detour traffic plan. We will see that when that detour is going up. When this starts he will run this through the Committee.

Mr. Wirtz said John Munoz was just hired as the Director of Parks and Recreation. He would like to invite him and Victor Lucero to come to our meeting and discuss IPM.

Mr. Fernandez said he will work on that.

Mr. Wirtz said he has some concerns about a couple of things that have happened over the last few months.

Media

Ms. Gish said she is happy to see the notice asking for members went out. Daniel, do you know what is happening with the City Facebook page.

Mr. Fernandez said with the new City leadership he doesn't know. He has not gotten any answers and has not heard back from anyone yet.

Transportation

Chair Bleck said she forwarded to everyone a communication that brought us up to date on Second Street. She is happy we are being informed.

Chair Bleck said Transit is updating their GPS and Route Match. It will be where people at bus stops can look at their phones to see when the bus is coming. For para transit they will be able to have automated reminders or automated calls to say the van is in route. That part is a few months away. They are getting new software where they can work on the routes and move them around when needed. They have 100% of the design completed for the Southside Bus Terminal and will be putting it out to bid. It includes bathrooms and will have indoor waiting. They are moving slower on Sheridan

due to cultural issues. They need to do an archeology study including a test site. They are getting 4 more buses. They had several drivers resign who took other jobs. They found one new driver for para transit. They are getting 2 new positions starting July 1st and are recruiting for those. Human Resources is doing continuous advertising for new drivers for SF Ride. The ridership is coming back up on buses, but not on SF Ride due to availability.

Chair Bleck said for those of you not at our last meeting, the woman from Solis offered us a tour of their facilities. We had a good presentation from Parking last time. Daniel got kudos.

B. LEGISLATIVE ACTION PLAN

Chair Bleck said we had a presentation from the Homeless Coalition and Kathleen brought up landlord consideration of income. That is also an issue for the Homeless Coalition. She thought we could start now drafting up a fact sheet that has the problem and sample legislation with a cover letter stating the problems and that we could work with the Homeless Coalition. We could give them a draft of our potential legislation for their comments. Then we can send it to our local Legislators in September or October in conjunction with the Homeless Coalition. It would say what kinds of income are not being allowed for rentals.

Ms. Gish said it is SSI and Disability. Landlords say they want people who are working and not on government funds. That is discrimination.

Chair Bleck said we and the Coalition are interested in promoting that kind of Legislation. We will need to find sponsors for the Legislation and people to testify. We should start on this now.

Ms. Pieters said that sounds good.

Mr. Wirtz said he is confused. As far as Section 8 and SSI how does this apply.

Chair Bleck said the landlords do not consider that kind of income. They say they want people who are working.

Ms. Gish said she has samples of legislation that can be passed.

Mr. Hughes asked why are the landlords doing this.

Ms. Gish said the required inspections and the false information that people on assistance destroy homes and the misunderstanding about how the program works.

Mr. Hughes said it sounds like the discrimination is coming from misunderstanding and procedural issues. The landlords have extra responsibilities if

they take people who are on assistance.

Ms. Pieters said the affordable housing situation in this town is so hard.

Chair Bleck said Homewise has down payment assistance for low income folks.

Ms. Gish said HUD has been trying to make changes, but the government does not want to do it.

Mr. Hughes said maybe you could draft legislation to make it easier for landlords to comply.

Ms. Gish said on a local level other cities have passed legislation. If the renter is on Section 8 and eligible and they have no history of not paying rent that landlord has to rent to that person.

Chair Bleck said we need testimony from landlords in our fact sheet.

Ms. Pieters said we need to find out how to meet needs.

Chair Bleck said there is a group here in town that works on that.

Ms. Gish said Section 8 is the Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority. They are not very communicative. It is frustrating. A lot of cities have incredible websites that explain the programs.

Chair Bleck said we will start working on this and see where it goes. We will need to have updates on our monthly agenda

8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ms. Pieters said we need more brochures. People love the brochures and they want more.

Chair Bleck said we are updating them and adding Solis and Homewise.

Mr. Fernandez said he brought some brochures. When we get the updates he will get more printed.

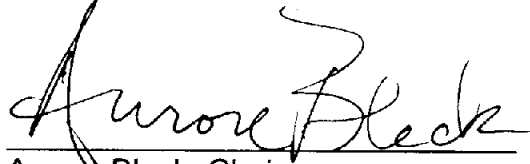
Mr. Wirtz asked have you had any applicants for the vacancies.

Mr. Fernandez said he has not received anything yet.

9. **NEXT MEETING**
AUGUST 16, 2018

10. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

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Aurora Bleck, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer