



Agenda

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 JULY 19, 2018 MEETING
 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MIN. TOTAL)
 6. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
 - a) INTRODUCTION – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR- REGINA WHEELER
 - b) INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) – VACANT POSITION – DANIEL FERNANDEZ
 - c) STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL – DANIEL FERNANDEZ
 7. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) MCD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
- ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF (3 MINUTES)
8. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

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**SUMMARY OF ACTION
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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, August 16, 2018, at the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL
MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dave McQuarie, Excused
Michael Wirtz, Excused
Miriam Jawhar

OTHERS PRESENT

Daniel Fernandez, ADA Coordinator
Regina Wheeler, City of Santa Fe Public Works Director
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

There was not a quorum present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unable to take action due to lack of a quorum.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JULY 19, 2018

Chair Bleck said on page 1 it should say Meriam and Martin. On page 2 it should be 11:35 am, on page 3 it is Siler and Lorca, on page 6 it is Solace and Kathlyne and on page 7 it is Solace.

Approval was postponed due to lack of quorum.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. INTRODUCTION - REBECCA WHEELER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Chair Bleck welcomed Ms. Wheeler.

Ms. Wheeler said she just started a month ago as the Public Works Director for the City of Santa Fe. The engineering team works for her and Daniel is in that team under John Romero. She came in excited to help grow Santa Fe to what we want to see it be and can be in the future. She is focused on accessibility for all people in Santa Fe to have fantastic experiences and connections with experiences such as buses, trails, crosswalks, buildings, government and sidewalks. The Transition Plan provides a good road map for investment to make a difference. She looks forward to your recommendations and highlighting things where we need to spend our money, time and energy. She is accessible to all of you and your constituents.

Chair Bleck said the plan did categorize things to a certain extent and shows how bad it is. She has seen some improvements already.

Ms. Wheeler said it is so important for people to have the good sidewalks. We have a lot of work to do.

The Mayor's Committee introduced themselves.

Ms. Wheeler said thank you for your service. We are so lucky to have all of you. You are all so knowledgeable. Does this Committee have a vision.

Chair Bleck said to improve accessibility and work with the City on awareness.

Ms. Wheeler asked do you have a list of projects being worked through.

Chair Bleck said we do. We are working on a project with the Coalition for the Homeless regarding income issues. Quite a few landlords make it harder for those with disabilities and Veterans to rent because they do not want to accept disability income as income for renting. They want people who are working. This will be legislation for the State Legislature. She and Kathlyne are working on a draft.

Ms. Wheeler said when you are ready let's run that through the Governing Body

to do Resolution to support this with our Legislation. Maybe Senator Wirth would sponsor it for you. She can help with a sponsor if you need it. Take your draft bill language to Council Services. They will help you with the necessary wording. You will need a sponsor in order to do that. Maybe contact the Albuquerque Disability Coordinator and get their support.

Ms. Gish said the City Council passed a Renter Bill of Rights. This expands on that. It will clarify equal access.

Ms. Pieters said tell us about your back ground Ms. Wheeler.

Ms. Wheeler said she has a degree in electrical engineering and worked in aircraft engineering where she developed a radar program. She worked at Holloman Air Force Base. She got a Masters in environmental engineering and started working as the Solid Waste Director for Bernalillo County. She was a Director of Engineering in private industry for 8 years. She then moved back to Los Alamos to be the Solid Waste Director there. Then she was here with the City of Santa Fe 8 years ago as the Solid Waste Director then CEO of Positive Energy Solar for 8 years. Now she is back with the City.

Ms. Pieters said it is wonderful to have you.

Chair Bleck said on our list of issues is people parking in ADA spaces and enforcement of that. Parking is now working on that with new signs and an app you access so you can take a picture and report a violation.

Mr. Fernandez said Noel is in the process of doing that with a scan that reports to an officer on site.

Ms. Wheeler said we are going to have a new parking app where you can pay with your phone and it gives you reminders. She asked Daniel to reminder her to ask Noel about that app.

Chair Bleck said we have had issues with the Second Street Bus Stop accessibility and it has been an issue that has been worked on for over 10 years. It is time to get this resolved.

There was discussion regarding this issue.

Ms. Wheeler and said she and Daniel will follow up on this issue and see what needs to be done.

Chair Bleck said we have had a lot of issues with IPM. Chemical sensitivities.

Ms. Wheeler said she is interested in that issue as well. Thanks for raising that

up.

Chair Bleck said the Sheridan fix is coming up. There needs to be an accessible path to the Plaza with way finding. The last one on our list is surfaces around the Ft. Marcy bridge. It is an accessibility issue to use the bridge.

Mr. Fernandez said he reached out to DOJ on this. After talking to them he thinks the term pedestrian bridge is being misused. They see it as a viewing area which does not need to meet ADA. An accessible path to those locations needs to be there and there is asphalt. It is not a true pedestrian bridge.

Ms. Wheeler said thanks for keeping an eye on this wide ranging list of issues. A lot of what you advocate for is not for a small population.

Mr. Fernandez spoke a bit about the new universal design thoughts and issues.

Chair Bleck asked is there the money to fix the sidewalks in the report.

Ms. Wheeler said not yet, but the City is aware of the unfunded needs. You will see a GRT bond run through for \$25 million. There is a stormwater management initiative so there will be a \$10 to \$20 million bond for that. We have road and sidewalks needs.

Chair Bleck said former Councilor Maestas had an idea of using the gas tax for roads and sidewalks.

Ms. Wheeler said there will probably be a GO bond next year. We are just starting to look into the scope of the sidewalk issue and funding. The Mayor is focused on getting the needs funded so we can improve the conditions.

B. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT VACANCY

Mr. Fernandez said the position of Integrated Pest Manager is now a vacant position. Victor Lucero resigned. Mr Wirtz wanted him to come to our meeting. He reached out to Mr. Munoz, but he was unable to attend this month. Hopefully next month. With the flooding everyone has been working hard. The position closed 2 days ago.

Ms. Gish said there is a man who posts on Facebook who does natural pest management. He says in touch with the City of Santa Fe and is willing to offer advice when he can. He is in Las Cruces. He did not apply. She appreciates his posts.

Ms. Wheeler said if he is a good resource she would love to have him talk to the

Parks Superintendent. Maybe he could speak at this meeting on a speaker phone.

C. STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Mr. Fernandez said he wanted to let the Committee know that he has been appointed by the Governor to be on this Council. They overlook the budget to make sure all the independent living facilities are following the plan. They are rebuilding the entire Council.

Everyone congratulated Daniel.

Ms. Pieters said that is wonderful.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. MCD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

TRANSIT

Chair Bleck reported that they are reprinting new schedules. They hired 4 drivers on the fixed route and have 2 openings for para transit. The plan is to start southside by the end of the year. Sheridan is held up by cultural issues. Ridership is down world wide. They are revamping the para transit handbooks for drivers and riders. Daniel has been helping them with ADA training. They are going to start enforcing the 5 minute rule because people are not ready to be picked up when they get there.

Ms. Wheeler said we need to give notice. Maybe there is a way for drivers to let folks know they are close and on their way like Uber does.

Mr. Fernandez said if we went all digital he would have a concern for people who do not have smart phones.

Chair Bleck said an automated phone call would be very helpful.

Ms. Wheeler said we will take that up with Transit. Give 10 minutes and make a phone call.

8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ms. Gish said she needed a placement for her Masters Program. In late June she applied for a placement with the City of Santa Fe with Julie Sanchez. She got it and she is thrilled. She starts the first week of September.

Everyone congratulated Ms. Gish.

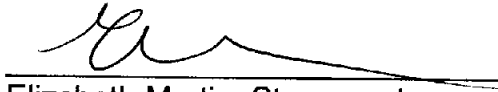
**9. NEXT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.



Aurore Bleck, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer