



# Agenda

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018  
10:00 A.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE, N.M.**

**AMENDED**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FOR THE JULY 19, 2018 MEETING
- 4B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FOR THE AUGUST 16, 2018 MEETING
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MIN. TOTAL)
6. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
  - a) CITY LOW-INCOME REDUCED WATER BILL CONCERNS – KATHLYNE GISH, COMMITTEE MEMBER
  - b) SIDEWALK REPAIR: PACHECO ST. (VENTANA DE VIDA) – KATHLYNE GISH, COMMITTEE MEMBER
  - c) NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (EVV) – KATHLYNE GISH, COMMITTEE MEMBER
7. OLD BUSINESS
  - a) MCD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF (3 MINUTES)

8. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2018

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**DATE: 09/13/2018**

**TIME: 8:32 AM**

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 MAYORS COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY  
 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
 200 LINCOLN AVENUE  
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018, 10:00 AM**

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**MAYORS COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 LINCOLN AVENUE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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 10:15 am, on Thursday, September 20, 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  
Miriam Jawhar  
(3 vacancies)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dave McQuarie, Excused  
Nancy Pieters, Excused

**OTHERS PRESENT**

David Chapman, City of Santa Fe  
Victor Hughes  
Elizabeth Matin, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Gish asked to add to the agenda the issue of including names, emails and phone numbers of speakers on City meeting agendas.

Ms. Jawhar asked to add behavioral health issues to the agenda.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Wirtz, seconded by Ms. Jawhar, to approve the agenda as amended.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
JULY 19, 2018**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Gish, seconded by Mr. Wirtz, to approve the July 19, 2018 minutes.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 2018**

Ms. Gish said on page 3 it should be renters bill of rights plural.

Chair Bleck said please list Miriam as excused.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Wirtz, seconded by Ms. Gish, to approve the minutes of August 16, 2018 as amended.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**6. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. CITY LOW-INCOME REDUCED WATER BILL CONCERNS**

Ms. Gish explained that this issue has to do with the City's low income application for a reduced water bill. The application allows low income people to apply for a waiver of City fees on their water bills and only pay for the water they use. In order to qualify they must meet certain low income levels. She noticed that on the list of what is included as income it includes food stamps. By Federal law food stamps are not considered income. Under the City code the applicant must report all income including SNAP and food stamps. The Federal code says coupons do not reduce benefits and are not considered income. They are considered an in kind benefit. If they consider SNAP to be a benefit then day care assistance and meal programs would be counted and no one would qualify. For the disabled and the disability part of SNAP if you are paying for medications out of pocket and report that to HSD and they assist and then your in kind is increased for SNAP.

Chair Bleck said you are not supposed to divert food stamps to any other use under Federal law. It seems we need to talk with the City Attorney to look over this

requirement and form. Let's ask Daniel to submit a request for us to the City Attorney, Erin McSherry.

**B. SIDEWALK REPAIR: PACHECO ST.**

Ms. Gish said this sidewalk is by the Ventana de Vida Senior Center. There is no sidewalk from Pacheco to almost St. Michaels.

Chair Bleck said we will ask Daniel to check on the priority of that sidewalk. Based on his report we will go from there.

**C. NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION**

Ms. Gish said this issue is around caregivers. It has to do with a Federal mandate, Federal law, that has passed and will be implemented by January 2020. It mandates that caregivers who are paid through the HSD programs to provide services be monitored and tracked through their cell phones when they are working to ensure that they are actually at the home or site for the services they report are given.

Ms. Gish said Ohio has implemented a system that monitors caregivers by GPS. They can track and monitor where caregivers, and the disabled with them, are at all times with the app.

Ms. Gish said for Self Directed Care the clients pay their caregivers themselves. They often have a flexible system in hours and times of care. The concerns that are being discussed are around the tracking and ability to monitor them 24/7. They can also record audio and video under Federal law. There is no stipulation in the law that does not allow that. In Ohio they are doing that. Some states are saying the caregivers have to go to the home. Self Directed Care allows for them to go to other places to assist. If they do not go to the house under this system they do not get paid.

Ms. Jawhar said there are pros and cons to this. This is an effort to make sure people are doing what they contracted to do. Unfortunately there will be some invasion of people's privacy in some ways. The caregivers are going to have to agree to these things that are implemented and in place to have fairness. It has been abused a lot. She does not agree with 24/7 monitoring or video or audio taping.

Mr. Hughes asked what if there is a disabled person with political beliefs the State finds offensive and they meet with a group that does not want to be tracked by government.

Ms. Jawhar said yes, there are many implications.

Mr. Hughes said the effort to create security often impinges on important

freedoms.

Ms. Jawhar said this is an effort to keep everything legitimate.

Ms. Gish said she agrees, but does that mean 24/7 tracking. She would like to know what this will look like in New Mexico and she would like to see more awareness about it.

Mr. Wirtz asked what about those folks who have electromagnetic sensitivities and cannot carry cell phones.

Ms. Gish said she will keep in touch with this and update the Committee as it goes along.

Chair Bleck said lets ask Daniel to find out about the status of the implementation in New Mexico and also ask him to set up a meeting for us with our local Legislators to talk to them about some of our issues such as this.

#### **D. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES**

Ms. Jawhar said Centennial Care 2.0, which is actually Medicaid 2.0, has indicated people who can afford to pay something and have Medicaid will be expected to pay a premium or co-pay depending on income and ability to pay. She would like to put this on the radar. She will look into it and update the Committee for the October meeting.

Chair Bleck said we will ask Daniel to find out what the State is doing with this issue as well.

#### **E. REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENDA SPEAKERS**

Ms. Gish explained that the issue is around the City Clerk's request that for all City meetings the names, phone numbers and emails be included on the agendas of all City meetings for presenters. Our concerns were for minors who serve on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, people who are domestic violence victims, people at risk and the vulnerable population. She asked Daniel not to post her personnel email and phone number. Under State law you are not able to do that. Zack Shandler, City Attorney's Office, contacted the Clerk and let her know she can't do that.

Ms. Gish said subsequently the City Clerk sent out another email to clarify that this will only apply to City employees, but if the speaker person offers their information it can be posted. She is concerned about the consent to post process.

Chair Bleck said there has been some resolution. We will ask Daniel to speak

with the Clerk for clarification of the process.

Ms. Jawhar left the meeting.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. MCD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **IPM SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. Wirtz reported that he is working with folks in Eldorado. It is not part of the City, but he is helping them on some integrated pest issues. It has to do with a company called AFJ Paving that is going to do some weed control on the trail land with a product that is a known human carcinogen. He found out Santa Fe has the same product and they have classified it as a low risk product. He is going to follow up with John Munoz and find out if the City does in fact have it and are using it. If so he will give him some information about the toxicity of that and should not be used in the City.

#### **TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE**

Chair Bleck reported that the Transit Department is getting 4 new buses through a settlement the State received in the Volkswagen diesel scandal. They are also applying for 50% grants that can be used for electric vehicles.

Mr. Chapman said he did do grant applications for them for 4 buses and for the replacement of cleaner engines to CNG. It was submitted on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He also submitted another application for the Volkswagen settlement for Environmental Services to replace 6 of their units, 5 from diesel to CNG and the 6<sup>th</sup> one from diesel to a cleaner diesel.

Chair Bleck said Transit is also revamping a diesel fueling station for safety and emissions concerns.

Chair Bleck said we are getting 4 new para transit vans. They are on order and should be here in 40 days.

Chair Bleck reported that Transit is testing a new app to track buses and information such as when and where people are getting on and off. Also they have a new ReMix software that will show the population of disabled and others in parts of the City as the bus travels past areas and schools. They are getting new schedules printed. The Southside Bus Terminal design work is done. They hope to have the construction completed by this time next year. Their major issues are with employees. The pay is low and there is no room for advancement so they have issues with retaining drivers.



They are in dire need of drivers now.

Ms. Gish asked can we advocate for increased pay for bus drivers.

It was decided that Chair Bleck and Mr. Chapman will work on a draft letter of support and circulate it among the members for comment and approval.

**8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF**

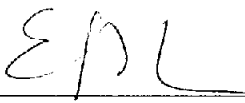
Ms. Gish said her internship is going incredibly well. She is thrilled and lucky and feels very supported.

**9. NEXT MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2018**

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

  
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Aurore Bleck, Chair

  
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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer