

Agenda

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 MEETING
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MIN. TOTAL)
- 6. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
 - a) INTRODUCTION VICTOR HUGHES, COMMITTEE MEMBER
 - b) INTRODUCTION HOPE REED, COMMITTEE MEMBER
 - c) INTRODUCTION DERRICK GARCIA, TRANSPORTATION PLANNER, DSGARCIA@SANTAFENM.GOV, 955-6716
 - d) INTRODUCTION –JOHN MUNOZ, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR, <u>JPMUNOZ@SANTAFENM.GOV</u>, 955-2142
 - e) PROPOSED BUS STOP SIGNAGE REVIEW KEITH WILSON, DIVISION DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND GRANTS, <u>KPWILSON@SANTAFENM.GOV</u>, 955-2223
 - f) MCD CALENDAR FOR 2019 DANIEL FERNANDEZ, ADA COORDINATOR, DAFERNANDEZ@SANTAFENM.GOV, 955-6612
- 7. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) MCD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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8. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2018

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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 200 LINCOLN AVENUE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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, October 18, 2018, at the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL MEMBERS PRESENT

Aurore Bleck. Chair Kathlyne Gish Miriam Jawhar Nancy Pieters Victor Hughes (Vacancy)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dave McQuarie, Excused Michael Wirtz, Excused Hope Reed, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Daniel Fernandez, City of Santa Fe Derrick Garcia, Transportation Planner John Munoz, Parks and Recreation Director Keith Wilson, Transit Director Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Bleck said under old business she would like to add a follow up on some items from last month.

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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Chair Bleck said Martin and Miriam are misspelled.

MOTION

A motion was made by Ms. Pieters, seconded by Mr. Hughes, 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 - VICTOR HUGHES, COMMITTEE MEMBER

The Board members introduced themselves.

Mr. Hughes introduced himself as having come from the east coast originally. He came here a Veteran struggling with mental health issues. He met Aurora and decided to come to these meetings. He is working at the Santa Fe Community College helping Veterans and others with business and employment opportunities. The College just opened a position for one of his clients. He is happy to be a new Board member.

B. INTRODUCTION - HOPE REED, COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chair Bleck said Ms. Reed is our other new Board members. She was unable to attend today. We will learn more about her at our next meeting.

C. INTRODUCTION - DERRICK GARCIA, TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

Mr. Garcia introduced himself as a Long Range planner with emphasis on anything transportation with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He is focused on multi-model transportation which we all support. He came here today to see how can we best help the Board. He is a City of Santa Fe employee. The MPO serves the City and the entire metro area. We have an MPO Policy Committee with representatives from the MPO, the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, City Councilors and Count Commissioners, NMDOT and Teseque Pueblo. There is also the MPO-Technical Coordinating Committee with representatives from each of the entities mentioned previously at a staff level. The Coordinating Committee advises the Policy Committee. He has a stake and eye out for disability issues. His mom was

injured when he was young and is in a wheelchair. He keeps an eye out for disability and access issues.

Chair Bleck asked what is the long range transportation plan for Santa Fe.

- Mr. Garcia said he can send her the 300 page document or can answer questions about it. We are in the process of updating the Bicycle Plan which feeds into the long range plan. We are looking at design components on how to best design bicycle facilities then there will be a public engagement process. After the plan has been vetted we will then identify projects serving the region to pursue funding at a higher level. We also update the Metropolitian Plan every five years and other small plans that inform the big one. There is a huge pubic involvement process. We will be back visiting you when we start that process so that we can get your feedback.
 - Ms. Pieters asked what is your involvement with people with disabilities.
- Mr. Garcia said Keith Wilson is the Chair of Technical Committee. We work hand in hand with Transit. We collaborate in decisions made.
 - Mr. Pieters asked are you someone we can come to with concerns.
- Mr. Garcia said our type of service is giving voice to opinions, gathering data, collecting public input on planning projects. We are working on and working with the State on what can be done in the region to help.
- Ms. Pieters asked so we would come to you to look at the long range plan for the City around disability in Santa Fe.
 - Mr. Garcia said you could do that.
- Mr. Hughes said he is a new member of this Board and has been asked to be on a subcommittee for planning. How can we be of assistance to you.
- Mr. Garcia said the biggest help we will need is next year when we begin the update to the long range transportation plan. We would love for this Committee to be a stakeholder in the process. We will reach out to Daniel and get something formal set up to do that. Come see him Mr. Hughes and we can talk planning or call him.

Chair Bleck said it was good to meet you.

- Mr. Garcia said he wanted the Board to know that Mark Tibbets retired at the end of September. Eric Aune is the acting MPO Officer.
 - Mr. Garcia thanked the Committee for inviting him to the meeting.

D. INTRODUCTION - JOHN MUNOZ, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Munoz introduced himself as the new Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. He said he is fully contactable and wants to hear from the Committee how they can help and assist. Maybe we could do a field trip to go and look at parks where there may be issues. We are doing neighborhood visits in that vein at this time. We have 77 parks. We have organized field trips with City Councilors and neighborhoods. An example of what we have identified in visits was we found the ADA parking spots close to one of our recreation centers, but too far to get to the park from there. We set up a plan for 2 ADA parking spots for easier access to the park. Please contact him if you need anything, have suggestions or need assistance.

Chair Bleck said there was an issue at Ft. Marcy. It was a bridge they repaired, but on one side it is not accessible. They decided to say the accessible route is in another spot. That needs to be clear at the bridge that they can't get there from here and that they have to drive around to the other side to park for access.

Mr. Fernandez said they constructed what they called a pedestrian bridge. He contacted the DOJ to ask about and they determined it was not a pedestrian bridge because it leads to nothing. It is an overflow look out for Zozobra. We determined that we need signage to show where the accessible route is. DOJ said the bridge did not have to be accessible.

Mr. Munoz said he will look at that and get back to Daniel and the Committee.

E. PROMISED BUS STOP SIGNAGE REVIEW

- Mr. Wilson handed out information on the new bus stop signs. This information is herewith attached to these minutes as Exhibit "1".
- Mr. Wilson stated that he is here today to give the Committee an overview of the new bus stop signage concept we have come up with and will introduce in a couple of months. He reviewed the hand out materials. He stated that the City has 450 bus stops.
 - Ms. Pieters asked it is not required to put a bench at the stops.
- Mr. Wilson said no it is not. We are moving toward getting data on the usage of bus stops. Right now we don't have the funds for benches at each stop. If there is a need we will evaluate that and see if we can put a bench if there is space and can bring the stop into conformity.
 - Ms. Pieters said it concerns her. We have an aging population.
- Mr. Wilson said ultimately we have to bring everything into compliance. We get funding from ADA every year and are doing what we can every year. A simple one is \$3,000.
 - Ms. Pieters said a lot of people just won't use the stop and will not ask for anything.
 - Mr. Wilson said we hear from a lot of advocates. Whatever level of stop we can put in we put in.

His goal is to get the data in front of him so we can make good decisions.

- Ms. Pieters asked do you have standards that have to be met to have a bench and cover.
- Mr. Wilson said somewhat.
- Ms. Peters said there is a lot of new construction going on in Santa Fe around areas frequented by the aging population.
- Mr. Wilson said when we can, we tie into those projects we will. We required Presbyterian to build a bus stop with a bench and a cover.
- Ms. Gish said she advocated for a bus stop on Rodeo Road to be upgraded and it was, but it does not have a bench. Still her mom cannot use the stop because it has no bench.
- Mr. Hughes said he is data driven as well. He looks for data prior to making decisions, What matrix will you be using for data.
- Mr. Wilson said usage and demographics of the users at each stop. It won't be just a numbers game. It will have more depth to it.
- Mr. Wilson said we are working with Daniel and the New Mexico Technology Assistance Program, NCRTD and other providers of public transportation.
- Ms. Gish said her mom was at a bus stop recently and the bus went past the riders at the stop and on a detour route. There was no notice of the detour or the construction or the fact that the riders had to catch the bus at another stop.
- Mr. Wilson said typically we go out and put signs if they let us know. He apologizes for that. He will report that back.

Chair Bleck said Dave McQuarie had an issue about the signs.

- Mr. Wilson said his big issue with the existing signs was the size of the ADA symbol of the wheelchair. He has not found any requirement that we have to put that symbol at our stops. We do have the symbol on all our buses and all our buses are accessible. It would be misleading to have the symbol at all our stops as some of them are not accessible.
- Ms. Pieters said it is wonderful that someone as knowledgeable as you is dong this and trying to make them easier to use and accessible. Thank you.
 - Mr. Wilson said we welcome any feedback.
 - Ms. Jawhar said she is concerned that the signs be placed where wheelchair folks can see them.

Mr. Wilson said the color scheme should help. We will look at the height and work with Daniel on that as we place the signs.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Committee for their time and told them if they had any suggestions or thoughts to email him or call him.

Chair Bleck thanked him for coming.

F. MCD CALENDAR FOR 2019

MOTION

A motion was made by Ms. Pieters, seconded by Ms. Gish, to approve the 2019 Committee meeting calendar.

VOTE

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. MCD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Fernandez reported that Mr. McQuarie is stepping down from this subcommittee. He asked that Ms. Reed be the new Chair and that Mr. Hughes be the member. Both have accepted. There is no report yet.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chair Bleck reported that Transit is getting 4 new para transit vehicles within a month. They are waiting for the IT work to roll out a new app with phone use. The Mayor has asked Transit to give him demand response proposals and to get the MPO to look at this as well. It gets people to the bus stops. They said they do have to expand services because the aging population is growing. She did a plan and sent it to Keith. She will send the Committee members the draft plan. They are making progress on the south side depot. Sheridan is not happening until next fall. They are short bus drives. Supervisors are driving. They are working with HR to develop an incentive program.

Chair Bleck will work with Ms. Gish to draft a letter supporting raises in salary for the bus drivers.

B. FOLLOW UP ON LAST MONTH'S ISSUES

Mr. Fernandez stated that the Committee cannot work on State Legislative issues as a Committee as they are a Mayor's Committee and a City Committee. If they wish to visit Legislators on issues they need to do that as individuals.

Sidewalks on Pacheco

Mr. Fernandez will check with Pubic Works and see where the sidewalks on Pacheco fall within the priority projects in the sidewalk plan.

Discrimination in sources of income accepted for renters

A letter to the City Councilors regarding this issue will be drafted from the Committee asking them to look into this issue.

Electronic verification of locations of home care workers through monitoring of their cell phones.

Mr. Fernandez is working on finding out where the State is in implementing this new law.

City water bill applications for low income rates.

Mr. Fernandez and Ms. Gish are working with the City Attorney's Department on this issue.

The possibility of a new requirement of medicaid recipients to pay co pays.

State issue. Committee members will have to address this individually.

8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

9. NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2018

10. ADJOURN

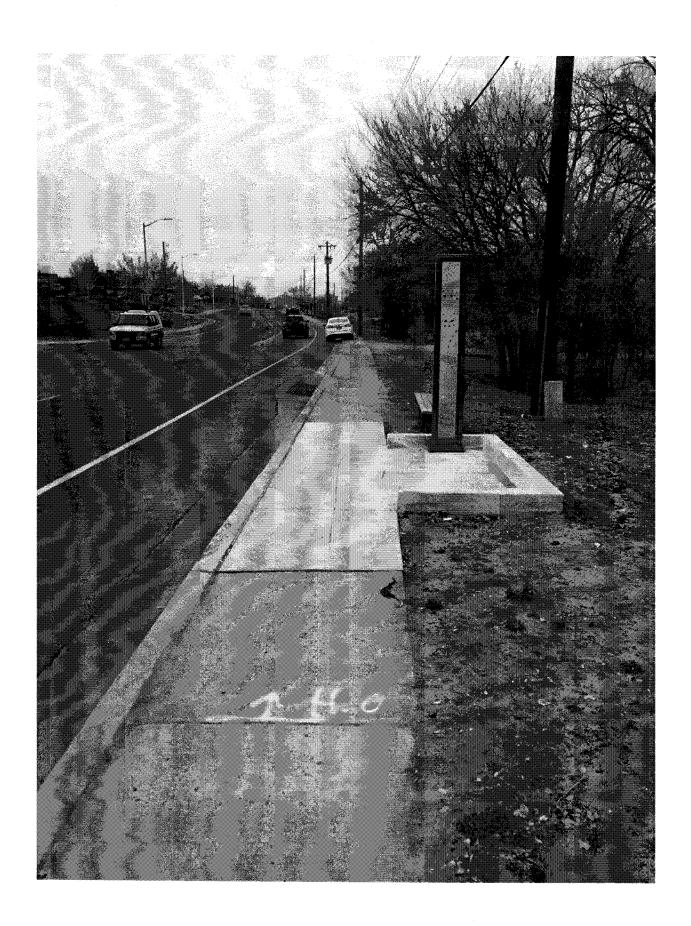
There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Aurore Bleck, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer



Exhibit "1"











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