



Agenda

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019
10:00 A.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE, N.M.**

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2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FOR THE JANUARY 17, 2018 MEETING
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MIN. TOTAL)
6. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
 - a) ESTABLISH 2019 PRIORITIES
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) MCD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF (3 MINUTES)

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NEXT MEETING MARCH 21, 2019

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019, 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, February 21, 2019, at the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aurore Bleck, Chair
Victor Hughes
Hope Reed
Michael Wirtz
Miriam Jawhar
(2 vacancies)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nancy Pieters, Excused
Kathlyne Gish, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

David Chapman, Staff Liaison
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Bleck said she would like to add item B under New Business for discussion of a Muchos Gracias award for David McQuarie.

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2018

Chair Bleck said on page 1 Miriam was excused and on page 4 Hope is the Chair of the Plan Review Committee.

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Reed, seconded by Ms. Jawhar, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public present were: Mark Garcia, Eli Fresquez, Robbin Porcella and Tom Dent.

Mr. Garcia said he is having a legal ADA matter and needs to discuss with the Board who would be a good attorney in Santa Fe for him to go to about it.

Mr. Fresquez suggested Disability Rights of New Mexico.

Mr. Garcia said he has been through them, but they did not have enough resources to help him. They helped him with a medical issue, but could not help with freedom of speech. He had an encounter with the City of Santa Fe Police Department regarding a freedom of speech issue, including reading, writing and speaking. Disability Rights of New Mexico can only help if he has his own attorney.

Chair Bleck said we are not able to give legal advice or recommendations.

There was additional discussion including suggestions for assistance.

Chair Bleck thanked Mr. Garcia for attending the meeting.

Mr. Fresquez said he is a native of Santa Fe. He moved away and is looking at moving back. He finds disability advocacy very interesting and appealing. He is happy to be here. He has worked doing disability advocacy and rights in the Mayors office in New York.

Mr. Chapman said he had sent him info on the Committee.

Chair Bleck said we have vacancies on our Committee. The Mayor is taking applications until February 28th.

Ms. Porcella said she moved to Santa Fe three years ago from Albuquerque.

She broke her foot then had a heart attack. She had to use public transportation including the train. She realized too many people are using Senior Ride and Santa Fe Ride for medical appointments. They are inundated with those. They cannot pick up people and take them to the Centers for lunch due to that scheduling. There is not enough staff or hours. They don't work on weekends at Senior Ride. Santa Fe Ride stops at 6:30 pm on Sundays. The last train comes in at 7:30 pm.

Chair Bleck said the Santa Fe Ride schedule is tied to the bus schedule.

Ms. Porcella said there is poor coordination. She can't believe they cannot pick up people and take them to lunch because of all the medical rides. People who receive Medicare and Medicaid do not receive Medicaid based transportation.

Chair Bleck said she has used the Senior Van for eight years. Their priority is medical visits.

Ms. Porcella said Santa Fe Ride services are \$2.00 each way.

Ms. Porcella said she has discovered all these problems. In one week's time she was waiting for Santa Fe Ride to pick her up outside Trader Joes and once outside the main library and saw a person drive up and the car went into the building twice. A private car. That is not good. What do you do when family is not around to take car keys away from family members. That is why we came up with the Memorial in front of you. Sherly Williams Stapleton is sponsoring it. We want to find some best practices and policies and procedures to facilitate this difficulty going from driver to passenger. It asks for a working group to look at the situation and project needs for ride services. We have also written a letter to the Governor asking her to open up Medicaid ride services to everyone who has Medicaid, even if have Medicare.

The Memorial discussed is attached herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1".

Ms. Jawhar asked so you are saying having both Medicare and Medicaid is the issue.

Ms. Porcella said yes. There are restrictions in numbers of rides provided under Medicare and Medicaid.

Chair Bleck said this Committee does monitor transportation to a certain extent. In terms of hours of service there are many who would like additional hours.

Ms. Porcella said she talked to Gino Rinaldi and he is looking at changing the hours. She has spoken to the Mayor's office and Kira at Community Services. The task force idea came out of those conversations to find out what other people do.

Chair Bleck said you have done some great work.

Ms. Porcella said we would like your support of the Memorial.

Chair Bleck said this is a State issue. Members of the Committee can support the Memorial individually, however, we are not able to as a Committee.

Mr. Dent said there are lot of other factors involved in drivers licenses. Civil rights related to age and others. It would be nice to have an age when you have to come in to take a written test. We are working on this together. It seems to be moving in the right direction in the Legislature. He read a letter they wrote to the Governor.

Mr. Wirtz said your letter is nicely worded.

6. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. ESTABLISH 2019 PRIORITIES

Chair Bleck said we are working on a priority list. The draft list is in your packet.

The Committee reviewed the list.

There was discussion around housing issues.

Chair Bleck said regarding the PTS issue, Victor sent us a format for this.

Mr. Hughes said he would like to see us use healthier language for PTSD. He does not think it is a disorder. It is dealing with disabling or problematic post traumatic stress. We need to have a dialogue and explore how it impacts communities.

Mr. Hughes reviewed his memo and his approach for a proposed subcommittee.

Chair Bleck said we have added PTS as a subcommittee. She and Victor will work on refining this document for the priority list.

Mr. Wirtz suggested that Victor's list of ten effected populations be incorporated into the priority list.

Chair Bleck said we will do that.

Mr. Wirtz said under Public Access he would like to reword the pesticide portion. He will work on that and get it to the Chair for inclusion in the priority list.

Mr. Wirtz said this list is in response to the Mayor asking for our five priorities at

our Christmas lunch.

Ms. Reed said sidewalks should be put under the Transportation category. Also she will write a summary about the Plan Review subcommittee and that should be added to the priority list. Actually the sidewalks could be put under that.

The issue of timing relative to the City budget process was discussed.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Wirtz, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve the list of priorities and the cover letter as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

It was decided that the Chair will give the letter and list to the Mayor with copies to the City Manager and Chief of Staff and the City Councilors. The Chair will also work on setting up a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the priorities.

B. MUCHOS GRACIAS AWARD FOR MR. MCQUARIE

Ms. Jawhar said she sent a memo to the Chair with proposed language for the award. Chair Bleck edited the language and it is included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Chapman said David is not renewing his Board membership.

Mr. Chapman said once you approve the language he will get it to the graphic artist for production of the award.

It was decided to ask Mr. McQuarie if he would prefer to come to a meeting to receive the award or for them to go to his house to present it. Mr. Chapman will check with him and will ask the Mayor and Ms. Wheeler if they are available to go to his home to give him the award.

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Reed, seconded by Ms. Jawhar, to approve the language for the award as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. MCD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

PLAN REVIEW

Ms. Reed reported that they are waiting for plans to come in.

TRANSPORTATION

Chair Bleck reported that the Transit Advisory Board does not meet in January so she has no new updates. They are meeting next week and she will report on that at the next meeting.

The Committee asked Mr. Chapman to ask Gino Rinaldi regarding the Senior Van program and John Munoz regarding the IPM program to come to the March meeting to give presentations and take questions.

PTS

Mr. Hughes said he has joined the Board of Human Rights Alliance. We are putting on a Pride event this year. It is the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. It will be a substantial event and is from June 22nd to June 29th.

The Committee hosting a Public Hearing on PTSD was discussed. This item will be on the agenda for next month.

8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ms. Reed asked what needs to be done to renew our membership on the Committee.

Mr. Chapman said he has the packet together for reappointment to give to the Mayor on everyone except Nancy.

Chair Bleck said she will speak with Nancy, but does not think she wants to renew her membership.

Mr. Chapman will move forward with the packet as it is.

Ms. Jawhar said she is based out of her home now that she is working with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. She is grateful for that.

Mr. Chapman asked for a moment of silence for Chair Bleck's mothers passing. He presented Chair Bleck with a sympathy card from the Committee.

Mr. Chapman said he is going to a hands on workshop on assisted technology and will report back on this to the Committee. He did a press release for the vacancies and has three vacancies so far. He has updated the website replacing Daniel's name with his as the interim Director. He also has resolved the issues from the last meeting.

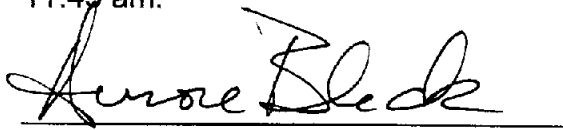
Mr. Chapman said he and Victor will meet to talk about a possible Public Hearing before the next Committee meeting.

Chair Bleck said her granddaughter is coming today to audition for the Santa Fe School for the Arts. She is moving here in June.

**9. NEXT MEETING
MARCH 21, 2019**

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

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Aurore Bleck, Chair

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

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer