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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011

10:00 A.M.

GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER

3221 RODEO RD.

CLASSROOM I

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 17, 2011
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MIN. TOTAL)
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) MCD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - b) NON-EXISTENT CURB RAMP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUS STOPS AND OTHER INTERSECTIONS, UPDATE - JOE LUJAN
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) COMMUNITY DAYS PREPERATION (MAY 14, 2011)
8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF (3 MINUTES)
9. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING APRIL 21, 2011

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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY**

MARCH 17, 2011

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MINUTES OF THE
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

March 17, 2011

A scheduled meeting of the Mayor's Committee on Disability was called to order by Ronda Villa, Chair, on this date at approximately 10:00 a.m. at Genoveva Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road, Classroom 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A quorum was indicated as follows:

Members Present:

Ronda Villa, Chair
Nancy Pieters
Marcia Bowman, Vice Chair
Dave McQuarie
Margaret Kuhlen

Members Excused:

Lois Simms
Mary McGinnis
Dee Martinez

Members Absent:

Buddy Hayes

Staff Present:

Joe Lujan, Staff Liaison
Hope. Reed, Citizen Advocate

Others Present:

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. McQuarie moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Kuhlen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –FEBRUARY 17, 2011

Page 2, at the bottom should read "Route M and Route 21 were discussed.

Page 4, sixth paragraph, a dangling phrase at the end of paragraph said "unless the matter was not routine." To be more helpful "Committees can act independently unless the matter is not routine" was asked to be added prior to that sentence.

Page 5, 9th paragraph, second line, "if appropriate for people" was asked to read if it would be appropriate for people..."

Ms. Kuhlen moved to approve the Minutes of February 17, 2011 as amended. Mr. McQuarie seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

a) MCD Sub-Committee Reports

◦ Transition Plan Task Force-Dave McQuarie

Mr. McQuarie said three people were present at the task force meeting and he would give the report for Ms. Simms. He said the task force had a lot of questions and were waiting for answers.

Chair Villa asked what "MCD needs to help report the updated items they see for the plan," referred to.

Ms. Reed explained that when members see that something was improved it should be brought to the Committee and discussed. She said a lot of things would be repair and/or maintenance. She said the main thing the Committee should do is ensure that the master ADA plan was being worked on.

Chair Villa confirmed the idea was to track the progress of things that need to be done.

Mr. McQuarie said there were a lot of items being reviewed and there should be a presentation of what was done. He said the Task Force wants to know the status because some Transition Plan items could take a year or so.

Chair Villa said Mr. McQuarie mentioned the Task Force had a lot of questions but she saw only one in the report.

Mr. McQuarie said most were implied. He said Robert Romero should be invited to the next meeting to tell the Committee when things could be expected.

Mr. Lujan said the final draft of the plan was due that week but he would check with Mr. Khambatta on the status at the end of the week.

Mr. Lujan said the public hearing arrangements would be taken care of. He said he could respond to all of the Committee's questions and the City has procedures for public notices. He said if the Committee wants to go above and beyond, they could assist with that.

Mr. Lujan said it was fine to have Mr. Romero attend but Mr. Romero would rely on him for answers. He said he gave updates on the status of the plan to the MCD at every meeting. He said the City was in a bind and the tasks had no funds unless it was a simple task like adjusting a door closure. He said the major barriers have to do with the funding of the City.

Mr. Lujan said he had the impression some people thought the Transition Plan would be done within two or three years but that would depend on funding. He said the barrier assessment and costs would be about \$10 million between the parks and the City facilities and access to City facilities. He said that was why the Finance Director attended the MCD meeting; to say how the City would address the Transition Plan.

Ms. Reed said the Task Force just wanted to understand the basics and have as many things as possible covered. She said once the Transition Plan was passed she would be interested in hearing what was fixed and where things were improved.

Mr. Lujan said the City would obtain software to monitor the Barrier Assessment Survey upon completion of the plan and that would be his responsibility to coordinate with Staff once a task was completed. He said with the software he could produce a report for the Committee to show the progress.

Mr. Lujan said the City was in difficult financial times. He said if there was lack of access to any City facility, it would be addressed immediately on a case-by-case basis.

Ms. Pieters said the Committee's role is to advocate, remind and advise the Mayor around disability issues. She said it was a reasonable conversation to have.

Mr. McQuarie said part of the Transition Plan regulations included the plan of mitigation and target dates. He said if a target date was over a year a reason had to be given. He said there wasn't any way all of the issues could be addressed in less than five years and the City would have to identify a target date in writing of each item in the plan. He said that was what the Task Force tried to get to; for the items to be in writing so they could track what was done.

Chair Villa said it sounded as though the software would track the items and if issues went beyond a year there had to be a reason. She said lack of funds was a good reason why things might not be done.

Ms. Reed said the reason had to be substantial and the whole budget would be looked at, not just the project budget. She gave the Santa Fe County Courthouse as an example of why there could be a delay.

The Committee discussed improvements that would be done for the stairs in City Hall.

- Plan Review-Dave McQuarie

Mr. McQuarie said a report was in the packet for a set of plans that were reviewed. He said the other was an answer to a report that money was available. He said the Committee stated the money would be used for bus stops and curb ramps.

He said Jon Bulthuis was contacted and was enthused that money was available. He said he and Mr. Lujan put together estimates and a list of intersections chosen because people had complained about non compliance.

Mr. McQuarie said the list wasn't in the Committee's packet but Engineering and Public Works would get the suggested list and would then pare it down. He hoped the Committee would know if something was left out.

He suggested that Mr. Lujan put an asterisk for the individual complaints. He said the next packet should have the list of suggested locations.

Mr. Lujan said he had started the list and it listed the bus stops with a bullet "Nonexistent Curb Ramps at Bus Stops" and the next set of bullets was labeled "Non-existing Curb Ramps at Other Intersections." He said there should be enough money to do most of them.

Mr. Lujan said the Rodeo Business Park doesn't have sidewalks and Staff would evaluate that and report back to the Committee. He said an email was included in the packet that stated that Engineering could not add these to the current project and the list would be treated as a separate project. He said Staff acknowledged that the work would be done this year.

Ms. Reed said she was glad to see the improvement of curb ramps on Old Santa Fe Trail and DeVargas Street because it was an important location because of State tourism.

Mr. Lujan said he was proud of that because of the problems at that location. He said he nominated Lee Ann Valdez and Tony Sanchez to receive a Muchas Gracias Award because of their efforts with the curb ramps. He said they were on site and the retrofits were difficult because of intersecting grades, utility poles fire hydrants and existing conditions.

Mr. Lujan said for the record he wanted his appreciation as well as the MCD Committee's appreciation to be reflected in the minutes.

Chair Villa asked to correct something. She said she looked at the *right*-hand side of the page at quick links and the MCD link was actually on the left side. She apologized for implying that Mr. Lujan hadn't gotten to that yet.

- Transit Advisory Board-Mary McGinnis

Chair Villa said Ms. McGinnis was at a training session but sent her report to be read. A summary of the report follows.

Sunday service elimination was taken off the table. The hope was that the *evening service* would only be reduced one hour instead of two and that the reduction of evening services would be at the bottom of the list of service cuts.

The *savings from the elimination of Staff hour positions* would be applied to transit's share of the cuts.

On-demand trips would be raised to \$4 instead of \$5 and a 25% fare increase was likely and one paratransit trip would cost \$2.50.

No further progress was made on the *Customer Satisfaction Survey*. The survey was a discussion item but was not discussed because of the discussion focused on the budget reduction and the scheduling of a retreat.

Mr. McQuarie said TAB would stress that transportation was a high priority and should not be cut. He said all of these were proposals that would have to go before the Finance Committee and then City Council. He said the meeting was February 22 but what would be cut wouldn't be known until 1 June.

b) Non-Existent Curb Ramp Recommendations for Bus Stops and Other Intersections, Update Recommendations –

Mr. Lujan said he wouldn't add anything further but he would get the list finished and turn it in to Engineering and the Committee would be updated at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Community Days Preparation (May 14, 2011)

Chair Villa said Community Days was a great time for new members to find out what people had questions about. She asked the Committee for their ideas and to think about the kinds of materials the Committee should have and what should be developed.

Mr. Lujan would be available for set up but not for clean up. The event would take place around 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Mr. Lujan would confirm the exact times with members. The booth would be manned with two members all day though members could stay as long as they wanted.

Members offered to be available for the event as follows:

Ms. Bowman – would be out of the country and would not be available.

Ms. Kuhlen –took the first shift.

Mr. McQuarie – said he would fill in where needed; usually around lunch time.

Ms. Pieters – said she was available any time and happy to do any shift.

Ms. Reed – said she would be available but wasn't sure at what time.

A flyer or brochure was suggested on the Transition Plan to inform the public.

The Committee discussed give-away items and examples and whether a give-away item was of benefit.

Ms. Kuhlen offered to borrow a canopy from a friend for shelter from the sun. Mr. Lujan said if Ms. Kuhlen could get a canopy he would take her up on that. He said they should stay in touch and if she couldn't get a canopy, he would.

Mr. Lujan reviewed a box of items with the Committee previously used at Community Days.

The box contained:

- Tips for first responders (generally used by fire and police personnel) on seniors, service animals, mobility impairment, mental disabilities, blind or visually impaired, hard of hearing and cognitive disabilities.
- The MCD Board disclosure with the mission statement, the names of Mr. Lujan as ADA Coordinator as well as Hope Reed and their contact information. The disability etiquette was on the back and the etiquette language was available.
- Information on: a newspaper article on the bus ridership for the disabled from the Santa Fe Reporter in April 2007; a guide to resources of informational sites; proper accessible signage/parking; questions commonly asked about service animals in places of business; a folder for reference of proper locations of things and information on universal design and the Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD) pamphlet.

- Brochures on New Vistas, Disability Awareness from GCD, multiple chemical sensitivities and Disability Law.
- The Santa Fe Paratransit Handbook.
- A flyer on the MCD to make the public aware of the meetings and invite people to attend and meet their disability advocates.

Ms. Reed said she would check if GCD had newer brochures on Disability Awareness. Ms. Pieters offered to contact the people who developed the chemical sensitivity brochure about an update of the brochure.

There was consensus that the article on the bus system was no longer pertinent and shouldn't be used.

Ms. Reed agreed to check if the Disability Resource Center at Aging and Long Term Services has information that could be used.

Ms. Pieters said there couldn't be enough information around the issues of disability because there were different and unique needs and issues. She said it was important to have updated, newer information.

Chair Villa said it would be good to have things that could be handed out. She said Community Days was a time when people wouldn't take a while to read something and the material should be something quick and easy like brochures, flyers and tickle pages that people could take with them.

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ms. Reed said she attended a meeting about cell towers in Santa Fe. She said she read that a company would take an existing tower and lease to other companies that would then add additional towers.

Ms. Reed said radiation came from the towers and the Telecommunication Act of 1996 only looked at the biological effects of cell radiation. She said people were experiencing physical difficulties with sleeplessness, disorientation, blurred vision etc.

She said Ann McCampbell said people with chemical sensitivity already had a compromised immune system and were getting electro-magnetic sensitivity at alarming rates. She said the electro-magnetic sensitivity and multiple chemical sensitivity has been studied and is now covered by the ADA and should be added to the brochure.

Ms. Reed said she appreciated Mr. Lujan's good questions. She said he asked about the number of TTYS the City should have and where. She said there should be some but she wasn't sure where. She asked Mr. Lujan if Mr. Khambatta could help with that.

Mr. Lujan said it wasn't mentioned in the Transition Plan. He said City Services has a TTY for EMT's, fire and police, however there wasn't one at City Hall and Staff was looking into that.

Ms. Reed said there was a statewide relay system that was free.

Mr. Lujan said he relied on the IT people for their expertise on TTY and other methods used. He said he asked Mr. Khambatta about TTY's and TTD'S and Mr. Khambatta's response was that most people had cell phones, Internet, Blackberry's, e-mail etc. He said if a public pay phone was provided, TTY was required and public payphones were close to obsolete.

The Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing or the School for the Deaf was suggested as a contact for their recommendations.

Ms. Kuhlen said along the same line of the cell phone tower danger, which was ridiculed for a long time; she suggested the Committee track the aspartame issue as it became more public and there was more awareness of the dangers and the disabling effects of widespread use.

Mr. McQuarie said the Land Use Department was supposed to update their County and Federal accessible parking design. He said some things they currently were doing away with were State or Federal law. He gave an example about crosswalks they said were required only at signalized intersections. He said the USDOT (US Department of Transportation) filed suit against the City and was why crosswalks were at places like Palace and Otero and other streets.

Mr. McQuarie said he could foresee it could be a long fight and he might need assistance. He thought the rewrite would ignore everything MCD tried to do for twenty years.

Mr. Lujan said he would send the updated Rules and Regulations for the City committees he received to the members electronically along with the MCD resolution.

The packets for new members were discussed. Mr. Lujan said the new member packets basically included the Rules and Regulations for the City committees and the MCD resolution. He confirmed the rosters were distributed and the etiquette guideline was online and said he could include the updated members list.

Mr. McQuarie noted that a list of Councilors and their contact information was included and Mr. Lujan said he would get that information also.

Mr. McQuarie said the regulation said that different modes of communication must be made available. He said he was tired of people that said something could be accessed on the Internet; he doesn't have Internet.

NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2011

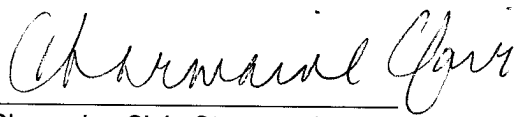
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Approved by:

Ronda Villa, Chair

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charmaine Clair". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer