

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 LINCOLN AVENUE  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019**

**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 17, 2019, at the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Aurore Bleck, Chair  
Kathlyne Gish  
Victor Hughes  
Hope Reed  
Angelique Montoya-Chavez  
Kendra Garcia

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael Wirtz, Excused  
Pam Parfitt, Excused  
Miriam Jawhar

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tom Graham, City of Santa Fe ADA Coordinator  
Keith Wilson, Director, Transit Administration  
Eli Fresquez  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Reed, seconded by Ms. Gish, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

Chair Bleck said on page 5 we did not say the item would be on next months agenda.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Reed, seconded by Ms. Montoya-Chavez, to approve the minutes as amended.

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

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. MCD PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE - HOPE REED - SHERIDAN STREET PLAN REVIEW**

**COORDINATION OF THE TEMPORARY BUS STOP ON ALAMEDA, AND RENOVATIONS AND AT SALVADOR PEREZ LOCKER ROOMS ATTENDING FOR SUPPORT KEITH WILSON, DIVISION DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND GRANTS OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE TRANSIT DIVISION**

Ms. Reed and Mr. Wilson reviewed the plan for the temporary bus stop on Alameda and the renovations at Salvador Perez.

Chair Bleck asked will people using the temporary stop know how to get downtown from there. Will there be directional signs.

Mr. Wilson said one option is to use Santa Fe Pick Up which we will continue to have available. There is a stop at the corner of the Plaza so you can use that to get from the Plaza to this temporary transit stop. We will make it work. If necessary we can extend the operating hours for the shuttle. As we move forward we will have these discussions.

Ms. Reed said there are a lot of sidewalk issues coming from the temporary stop.

Mr. Wilson said this analysis should be to place where the Transit Center is, not about the Plaza. We are not responsible for rebuilding downtown.

Ms. Reed said we need to look at the route and there should be information

about the pick up there and signs as to how to get to the Plaza from there.

Mr. Wilson said our intention was to circle back with the ADA Coordinator to make sure we are meeting all the requirements. If we can go above and beyond to make it more successful we will. Restructuring infrastructure is not within his control. The Transit System is within his control.

Mr. Graham said maybe we can come up with alternate routes and temporary signage. We can work on it. Hope wanted to make sure we knew this was out there. He will also need to speak with Streets about overhanging trees there as well when it is time.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez said she brought up at the last meeting that she would like to see benches put out. She would actually like to see indentions in the benches for the wheelchairs so when they are there they have the ability to sit with their peers or family. They can back up and be part of the conversation when waiting.

Mr. Graham said at the very least the ends of the benches will have sidewalk back far enough to have a resting place next to the bench.

Mr. Wilson said correct. There is a 4x3 area next to each bench.

Ms. Reed said that has been a requirement for a long time, but is rarely done. The new Sheridan Bus Station will have those.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez said it would be neat if it could be in the center in the future. It is more inclusive.

Ms. Reed said at Salvador Perez they are painting and putting in new fixtures and tile. There will be partitions between shower heads and grab bars and enclosed wheelchair accessible showers. Her concern is on the wheelchair stall doors they are required to have loopy latches on the handles and she is concerned that they have those and hooks and grab bars.

Mr. Graham said he discussed all these concerns with the City Project Manager who will relay them on to the designer. This is not a final design.

Ms. Reed said it is all the little details that get left out at the end that are significant for disabled people.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez asked is there a companion area for changing with assistance.

Ms. Reed said there is a family bathroom, but no adult changing table.

Mr. Graham thanked Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson said he will continue to coordinate with Tom as we pick up speed

Chair Bleck said thank you Hope.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **A. MCD 2020 PRIORITIES**

Chair Bleck handed out the draft priority list.

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

Ms. Montoya-Chavez asked do you think we could look into floor resurfacing in the showers at Salvador Perez.

Mr. Graham said he will look into that and make sure that it is a part of the project.

Ms. Gish said in addition to this list is weeds blocking entrances at City buildings.

Mr. Graham said when you see that take a picture of it and send it to him. He will send out an email to make people aware of it.

Chair Bleck said we can put that under public safety. Maintain pathways from parking areas to City building entrances.

There was discussion about public safety, public accommodations, information sharing and merging a culture of kindness with information sharing.

Ms. Gish said she would like to add update equipment in play areas to be inclusive equipment.

Mr. Graham said this is a good starting point to begin addressing concerns in action items to him and he will pass them on to Director Regina Wheeler, Public Works Department to see if we can get them done. Presenting the list to the Mayor is nice, but does not go far enough at this point.

Mr. Hughes said one of the things we may want to consider in priorities is to

create two lists. One comprehensive list of all the issues to keep tabs on so that we do not lose track of those matters. Then another list of what we want to do this year.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez asked is there any way to get the public schools and parks funded with money for this year.

There was a discussion around that issue.

Ms. Garcia said on Henry Lynch there is no sidewalk going up that road. There is an Agua Fria Road project.

Ms. Reed said for the bus route from Alameda to the Plaza, make it accessible.

The Ventana Senior Center and De Vita to St. Michaels were mentioned.

Ms. Reed asked if there is a CIP project list.

Ms. Garcia suggested adding public transportation for youth with disabilities.

Chair Bleck said you are talking about youth van service.

Ms. Garcia said yes, on weekends and evenings.

Chair Bleck said Santa Fe Ride goes until 10:00 pm. It costs \$2.00 a ride. You sign up with them and get scheduled within 24 hours, but if there are specific needs you need to schedule in advance. A doctors certificate is required. Attendants are free.

Chair Bleck said she will bring a final version of this to the next meeting.

Mr. Graham said we can take the big list and give it to the Mayor and from now to January whittle it down to an action list to work on.

Mr. Hughes said maybe a master priorities list that could be an internal document as a record of things important to discuss and not lose track of. Then a list of things and a framework of priorities for this year including how to get it done, how to move forward and with who.

Chair Bleck said she will prepare an action list and master priority list for next month.

## **B. MCD DRAFT LETTERS PROMOTING KINDNESS AWARDS**

Chair Bleck said this is the letter to the schools that we talked about at our last meeting.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez said it should be a letter to the City rather than the schools.

This item was discussed and it was decided that a full plan for an awards program needed to be developed and approved by the City for implementation by the Committee and the Public Works Department.

An award planning subcommittee was formed that includes Ms. Garcia and Ms. Gish.

Eli Fresquez, a member of the public, said he would like to volunteer for that as well. He said that he is a disability rights attorney from New York who has located back here.

### **C. APPROVAL OF 2020 MCD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Mr. Graham said this schedule is the same schedule date and time as this year.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Reed, seconded by Ms. Montoya-Chavez, to approve the 2020 calendar.

**VOTE** The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

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

#### **TRANSIT**

Chair Bleck said they are still working on bus route app for cell phones. There are some issues as to accuracy.

#### **MEDIA**

It was decided that Ms. Garcia will join this subcommittee.

## **9. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Ms. Garcia said she would like to form a youth subcommittee. She has an intern and wanted to get ideas and feedback from her in any issues they may want to address.

## **10. NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

**11. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

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Aurore Bleck, Chair

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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

# Exhibit 1

## Mayor's Committee on Disability

### Draft 2020 PRIORITIES

- **Culture of Kindness**
  - Business Brochure
  - Best of Santa Fe categories
  - Santa Fe Public Schools cartoon contest for website
  
- **Public Accommodation**
  - New bus stop at Cerillos and Second Street (service to Indian Hospital)
  - Availability of hearing loops in all locations where the City Council meets and a new city ordinance that requires loop installation in new construction and remodels of public venues
  - Educational campaign to encourage installation of adult changing tables in public and commercial facilities. Ask Chamber of Commerce and City to recognize these efforts and produce a map/app of available facilities.
  - Review of city construction and remodeling projects by Plan Review Subcommittee for adherence to ADA guidelines
  - Revision of the ordinance governing noise levels during outside events in the Plaza and public parks
  - Update play areas in city parks to allow wheelchair access (phase out and replace wood chips)
  - Add benches where possible to bus stops that serve the elderly and mobility challenged, such as outside medical services
  - Transition housing for people coming out of jail
  - Assistance with transportation costs for income-qualified paratransit users (low-cost and free bus transportation is already available for people able to use the bus)
  - Ongoing sidewalk improvements in all four districts, including sidewalks from Ventana de Vida along Pacheco to St. Michael's, and update of PROW list as projects are completed (20-year time frame unless more funding obtained)
  - Encourage city policies that promote multi-unit housing construction with some accessible apartments and condos
  - Promote updated city ordinance that requires landlords to accept legitimate income sources from potential tenants (but the landlord still has discretion when someone has a bad history of on-time payment, etc.)
  - Explain process and benefits of accepting housing vouchers on the City website and include PSA by Ms. Ochoa, who has had housing-voucher tenants and had a good experience (other cities have examples we can examine)



- Continue budgeting for spring labor force to control weeds to obviate need for toxic pesticides and enforce ordinances that require land owners to control weeds (with assistance to the elderly and poor as needed)
- [Check Fort Marcy to see if done] Fix pedestrian bridge in Fort Marcy Park to make it accessible to wheelchairs and scooters on both ends or install signage with directions to accessible route.
- Review the Transition Plan to see what outstanding upgrades are needed to public buildings
  
- **Public Safety**
  - Safe relationships with authorities for community members with special needs, including alert systems such as window and door stickers and phone apps that can aid in communication with non-verbal residents
  - 24/7 public transportation resources for residents without access to private transportation
  - During Sheridan bus station revision, have an accessible route from the temporary bus station to the Plaza, clearly marked with signage in both directions
  - Have an accessible wheelchair route between Santa Fe Place and the new Southside bus station
  
- **Information Sharing**
  - Committee representative to participate on new Community Health Council
  - Local social services brochure, with PTS resources added
  - Educational and career development resources brochure