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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
CITY HALL/CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019, 10:00 AM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Mayors Committee on Disability was called to order by Aurore Bleck, Chair at 10:08 am, on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aurore Bleck, Chair
Hope Reed
Angelique Montoya-Chavez
Pam Parfitt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Wirtz, Excused
Miriam Jawhar, Excused
Kathlyne Gish, Excused
Kendra Garcia, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Graham, City of Santa Fe ADA Coordinator
Lisa McNiven, MPA
Yvonne Dominguez
Eli Fresquez

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Bleck said she would like to add to New Business the issue of access at Ft. Marcy.

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2019**

Chair Bleck said the only change she has is that Miriam was excused.

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 COMMENTS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS

**A. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY
Lisa McNiven, MPO - Disability Consultant for the Governor's
Committee on Disability**

Ms. McNiven introduced herself and gave a presentation on emergency preparedness including the review of the documentation in the meeting packet.

Ms. McNiven handed out several documents to the Committee which are herewith attached to these minutes as Exhibits "1", "2", "3" and "4".

Mr. Graham said what you are providing us is very valuable and the workbook provides nice measures for a person to think about something ahead of time when they can write down all these things. A Go Bag is essential. Thank you for this.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez commented that people with cognitive disabilities need someone to prepare for them so they have some different needs.

Chair Bleck asked about transportation.

There was a discussion about transportation planning for disasters.

Mr. Fresquez said when you mentioned the advisory group in Santa Fe that is important. Could you tell a bit more about that. He thinks it is important for this Committee to be a part of the planning for that. It is important to have a contact with the disability community in case of disaster. ADA still applies in disaster situations.

Ms. Parfitt discussed the need for captions on all television channels when disasters occur.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez said it is important for parents of disabled children to be proactive as well.

Ms. McNiven said we have a statewide advisory group. What we want is to have a core advisory group in each City throughout the State to advise us about issues in each City and the local communities. She will work with whoever is interested.

Chair Bleck said we would love to have at least one member of our Committee on the group.

Ms. McNiven said she will work with the Chair on that.

Mr. Graham thanked Ms. McNiven for attending and sharing her information.

7. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. MCD 2020 PRIORITIES

Chair Bleck handed out a revised list of the 2020 priorities.

The hand out is attached to these minutes as Exhibit "5".

There was discussion regarding the list. It was noted that an emergency preparedness plan might be added. The work on the City Noise Ordinance changes will be added to the action list.

Ms. Parfitt brought up the issue of always having captions on for public televisions, especially when disasters occur. Albuquerque has passed a "Captions Always On" Ordinance.

Mr. Graham said he can check to see if we have one. If not he thinks that is something to work on with her subcommittee.

Chair Bleck said the Noise Ordinance change and the new Captions Always On Ordinance are really our initiatives. Should we keep them on the priority list.

Ms. Parfitt said she is okay with that.

Mr. Graham said under public safety would be the appropriate place.

Ms. Hope asked isn't it required that all televisions have captioning and it is just turned on and off.

Ms. Parfitt said yes, it is just that some patrons find it interferes with their

enjoyment of what they are watching.

Chair Bleck said she can see where it might interfere with some sports events.

Ms. Parfitt said it is a safety issue.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez discussed adding housing to the list. Also she did speak with Jesse at Parks and we are working together on accessible parks.

Mr. Francis said he has a traumatic brain injury and has become shunned by Santa Fe. In recent years bullying and harassment in the schools has been in the headlines. He is talking about a form of social rejection called ostracization. It is a ghastly form of hurt. Recent research suggests that being frozen out is among one of the most devastating experiences we can endure. It can reshape the human brain and has a 90% suicide rate. It should be called attempted murder.

Chair Bleck said we do have on our priority list for next year some committee work we are doing called culture of kindness. We are trying to raise awareness and encourage people to have a culture of kindness in business and in City services. We have not thought of other ways to intervene in this except educational. Do you have ideas.

Mr. Francis said yes. He has been here before.

Chair Bleck asked do you have anything you would like to suggest to the Committee about ostracization.

Mr. Francis said he has not formed a way for him to talk with anyone about this. He has been so shunned. Our City government has said he is not an artist when he has been one for 30 years. He is trying to find some way to be heard. Before he came to this meeting he was afraid to come here. He has been nearly murdered with toxic chemicals. He cannot find any place that will look into this to find something to keep this from happening. If you have any ideas he would like to hear them. He has called his City Councilor, but no one has come to his aid. He would like some help. He needs something today. He has lost over \$100,000 of his art.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez said she feels bad that you feel you have been excluded. We are working on recognizing business who are inclusive. With her own children instead of letting businesses shun them we are being proactive in this. We get out and are proud to be the face of disability. Maybe you should be proactive and we will support you. Be positive.

Mr. Francis said he has tried that.

Mr. Graham said, Robert, he will talk to you after the meeting. He has given you

some suggestions and wants to see if there are other things to get in place for you.

Mr. Francis said okay.

Chair Bleck asked are we ready to say this is our list.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez said she thinks we are ready.

Chair Bleck said we have approved the list. Are you all okay with the cover memo.

The members are fine with the cover memo.

B. CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON WITH MAYOR

Mr. Graham said the Mayor has agreed to meet with us for lunch. The time would be at noon at New York Deli. The Mayor will pop in and out. He will need to know how many people will be there.

Chair Bleck said it is dutch treat and traditionally we treat the Mayor. It is on our regular meeting day.

Mr. Graham said he will send out an email to everyone on the luncheon.

C. ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES AT FORT MARCY PARK

Chair Bleck said we have had some concerns about accessibility at Ft. Marcy Park and came upon Yvonne Dominguez who also had some concerns. It is accessible to the bridge. Then when you get over the bridge it is not accessible to get off the bridge for wheelchairs. There is not a solid surface. We felt it should be fixed or if not fixed it should be signed so you do not get on the bridge and find there is no way off.

Mr. Graham said he went to Ft. Marcy and took some pictures. He found that there is a drivable area to go around to the baseball park side, but he did not notice any accessible parking there. The slope there is quite a slope to get up. He does not know if there are plans for accessibility there.

Ms. Dominguez said we have had many of our disabled folks have issues accessing the field. The City did provide an accessible restroom there.

Mr. Graham said it is still not a firm stable surface. We at least need to get signage there.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez said she thinks Ms. Dominguez is aware of the issues.

We just don't know how to address the City.

Mr. Graham if any work is done out there at any time he will make sure ADA upgrades are included at that time. Otherwise it will take lobbying to make something happen. Right now there is no budget assigned to this.

Ms. Dominguez said we are supportive of making the field more inclusive.

Mr. Graham said he will speak with the Parks and Recreation Director and see what can be done.

Chair Bleck thanked Ms. Dominguez for coming and expressing her concerns.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. MCD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Bleck said Transit did not meet because we did not have a quorum.

B. NOISE LEVEL ORDINANCE SPONSOR UPDATE

Ms. Parfitt said she spoke to Councilor Lindell and she said this issue needs more research.

Chair Bleck said maybe on this we need an information sheet that talks about why this issue came up and a change is needed. Maybe we could look at a draft of that at our January meeting.

Ms. Parfitt said she will work on that.

Mr. Graham asked would she then reach out to Councilors about it.

Chair Bleck said yes.

9. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ms. Montoya-Chavez said yesterday we gave out over 100 care packages to disabled people at the senior centers. Also Councilor Abeyta donated his spot at the convention center to our Special Needs Prom for this next year.

Mr. Graham said he met with the MPO organizers and we talked about the transit plan. He sent out an email to everyone with a link to the survey. Today is the last day at the end of the day.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez said she will complete it and share the link with others.

Mr. Graham said the MPO said they would come to our meeting in January and give us a presentation of the draft plan if there is interest.

Chair Bleck said that is great.

Ms. Bleck shared information about noise pollution from a recent article.

**10. NEXT MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2020**

11. ADJOURN

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

Aurore Bleck, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer