



# AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE  
ON DISABILITY  
APRIL 15, 2021  
10:00 AM  
ATTEND VIRTUALLY

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## SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY MEETING

Attendance: In response to the State's declaration of a Public Health Emergency, the Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency, and the ban on public gatherings in excess of those permitted in the current Public Health Order, the Mayor's Committee on Disability meeting will be conducted virtually.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. Minutes from February 2020 Meeting
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 Minute Total)**
6. **PRESENTATIONS**



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- a. City of Santa Fe Streetlight Conversion Project (Cheynne Ernst, Project Expeditor, Dalkia Community Engagement, [cheynne.ernst@dalkiasolutions.com](mailto:cheynne.ernst@dalkiasolutions.com); Regina Wheeler, Public Works Director, [rawheeler@santafenm.gov](mailto:rawheeler@santafenm.gov))
- b. Local Core Advisory Group; an Emergency Preparedness Group of, by and for People with Disabilities and their Partners in Santa Fe (Lisa McNiven, Chair of New Mexico Disability Emergency Planning Advisory Council (NMDEPAC), [lisa.mcniven@state.nm.us](mailto:lisa.mcniven@state.nm.us))

## 7. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION

- a. MCD Membership, term renewals and new member (Tom Graham, ADA Coordinator/Committee Liaison, [tmgraham@santafenm.gov](mailto:tmgraham@santafenm.gov))
- b. Covid-19 Response
- c. Captions Always On (Pam Parfitt, [sffiddle@gmail.com](mailto:sffiddle@gmail.com))
- d. Committee Administration, Officers and Meeting Frequency

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. MCD Work Group/Sub-Committee Reports
- b. Noise Level Ordinance Sponsor Update (Pam Parfitt, [sffiddle@gmail.com](mailto:sffiddle@gmail.com))

## 9. MATTERS FROM STAFF

## 10. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

## 11. NEXT MEETING: No Meeting Scheduled

## 12. ADJOURN



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**SUMMARY OF ACTION  
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY  
CITY HALL/CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 LINCOLN AVENUE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020, 10:00 AM**

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**NEXT MEETING**

**MARCH 19, 2020**

**7**

**ADJOURN**

**ADJOURNED**

**7**

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY  
CITY HALL/CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 LINCOLN AVENUE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020, 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 20, 2020, 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  
Kendra Garcia  
Pam Parfitt  
Miriam Jawhar  
Vacancy

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kathlyne Gish, Excused  
Victor Hughes

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tom Graham  
Carla Nichols, The Life Link  
Lara Yoder, The Life Link  
Nicholas Palmisano, The Life Link  
Analyn Schwaeger, The Life Link  
Brian Moya, Santa Fe Fire Department  
Greg Cliburn, Santa Fe Fire Department  
Eli Fresquez  
Jose Horta, NM Workforce Connection  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Bleck said on page 2, the second paragraph it should say the Chamber “did not like the item.”

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

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

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **6. PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. THE LIFE LINK HOUSING SERVICES LARA YODER, HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGER AND COUNTY NAVIGATION SERVICES, ANALYN “BAGEL” SCHWAEGL, NAVIGATOR FOR THE LIFE LINK**

Ms. Yoder did a power point presentation on their special needs housing initiative and other programs and services.

Ms. Reed asked how long is your waiting list for housing services.

Ms. Yoder said we have usually we have some openings, but we have a list we go off of. We don't choose who goes in HUD housing, the community does through the Homeless Coalition. We look at who needs the most assistance to get housing. For linkages it could be six months. For special needs programs, that is where the list is the longest. It is very rare that a unit comes available that someone who is disabled can afford.

Ms. Reed asked if a person has to wait for six months do you have other services for them during that time.

Ms. Yoder said yes, people can receive services from us.

Mr. Graham asked what is your relationship with the Civic Housing Authority. Do you do a lottery.

Ms. Yoder said we are the local lead agency and are responsible for making sure special needs units are being filled and that the services provided for those folks are put together. If a new property comes up that is when the lottery comes up. When Solaris Station opened she held a lottery for all the special needs people we had.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez asked if there was a grievance process.

Ms. Yoder said we do work closely with the shelters and providers. We would go in and meet with them together to find out what is going on.

Mr. Graham said this presentation is in response to the action list we sent out.

Ms. Schwaegel gave a presentation regarding the County Navigation program she is a part of including their reintegration program for those leaving incarceration.

Ms. Schwaegel said we go out almost every day and feed people and do anything we can to provide safety for them. We try to hook them up with services.

Chair Bleck said thank you for all you do.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez asked does the jail contact you.

Ms. Schwaegel said there is a platform we use and they refer through that platform or the jail will contact her or the client will show up at Petes Place.

Mr. Graham said thank you so much for your time and all that you do.

Nick Palmisano, Director of Operations for The Life Link, said grievance procedures and mental health treatment are coordinated through a State of New Mexico service called Treat First which allows us to rapidly access and provide treatment when they come in the door. We will provisionally accept folks for mental health issues, substance disorder and homelessness and you will be seen by someone. We work with people as they are walking in the door. We help them obtain food stamps and Medicaid and we follow up. Our goal is to provide and mediate pressing issues in the first three sessions of treatment. In the fourth session it is a comprehensive session with referrals. The Treat First program is now approved with Medicaid as a service. We have grievance procedures and policies. We are required to have those. Anyone at any time can file a grievance with us. Any client. Complaints as well. We also

have suggestion boxes at our facility as well.

Ms. Parfitt asked what is the follow up to the provisional mental health assessment done when they walk in.

Mr. Palmisano said the provisional diagnosis is not the final diagnosis. We provisional diagnosis so we can work with those clients through the State of New Mexico. In the fourth session we complete a more comprehensive assessment. That diagnosis is ruled in or out as the final diagnosis. We have prescribing psychologists. We have two psychiatrists. One mental health provider provides Suboxone treatment in a program for opioid use disorder to allow them to safely withdraw and start the recovery process.

Ms. Jawhar asked is there a waiting list for the Suboxone program.

Mr. Palmisano said yes, but we have six openings right now.

Ms. Montoya-Chavez asked if you have an individual with cognitive disabilities who cannot comprehend the paperwork do you have someone to help them fill that out.

Ms. Yoder said for the special needs housing initiative they usually have an assistance provider. If they need help we help them. We also work with care coordinators to help them.

Mr. Graham said thank you.

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

### **A. MCD 2020 ACTION ITEMS UPDATE**

Mr. Graham reviewed the responses received from City Departments regarding issues of concern to the Committee. The first one was having safe relationships with authorities for persons with special needs. He received a response from Assistant Chief Greg Cliburn and Brian Moya from the Santa Fe Fire Department. They are both here and are ready to work with us.

Assistant Chief Cliburn said he is the Assistant Chief for emergency medical services and Mr. Moya is the Health and Safety Officer for the firefighters and paramedics. We are interested in getting better in engaging with everyone in the community. We are interested in exploring that and something like a sticker as you suggested. There are ways for folks to register with 911 so their disability is known and can be relayed to us for responding. There are a number of things we can explore. Fundamental to all of that is training for us as to know how to best engage with folks

that need us. We need more support through training.

Ms. Jawhar asked have you had any trainings on people with brain injuries.

Assistant Chief Cliburn said we get some training, but we are always looking for more resources.

Mr. Graham said he can put them in contact with the person at the Governor's Commission who does that.

Assistant Chief Cliburn said our main tool is our own assessment as we interact with our patients. In that moment we find out a lot. A window sticker may be something that would be helpful to us. We do so much problem solving in the emergency setting that the more tools we have in our head the better off we are in that encounter.

Mr. Graham said the Fire Department is ready to get with us to start looking at that.

Assistant Chief Cliburn said he will work with Tom on stickers and other ideas.

Mr. Graham thanked them for coming to the meeting and being willing to work with us.

Mr. Graham reviewed the responses to the list of action items the Committee had agreed on. He said all the City Directors are aware of our list.

The following items were reported on:

Rental Assistance, removal of vegetation from entry ways into government and agency buildings and pedestrian pathways, a pathway from Santa Fe Place to the Southside Transit Facility, ongoing sidewalk improvements, updated play areas in City parks with wheelchair access, the availability of hearing loops in all City buildings, 24/7 public access to public transportation, the new bus stop on Second Street and emergency evacuation plans for paratransit users and seniors.

The Committee members thanked Tom for all his hard work and said he did a great job.

Chair Bleck asked Tom to look into the access to Cerrillos Road where it crosses to the Gas Company and the Police Department. At the light at Wagon Mound and Camino Entrada. There is a big pole there that prohibits wheelchair access.

## **B. REVIEW BUSINESS BROCHURE**

Chair Bleck reviewed the business brochure.

There was discussion and it was decided to add focus in the items that surround the brain illustration.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Reed, seconded by Ms. Garcia, to approve the brochure as amended.

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

Mr. Graham handed out the resource brochure.

Everyone congratulated him on a job well done.

## **C. ACCESSIBILITY AWARDS: COMMEMORATING THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA. Kendra Garcia, Eli Fresquez**

Mr. Fresquez said he was very excited to talk about a proposal for an event this summer. July 30<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the ADA Act. It is quite amazing. The Civil Rights Act did not include people with disabilities. They were not included until this Act. There will be commemorations throughout the country. It would be an amazing opportunity to present the first accessibility awards and highlight the work of the Committee and to get the community out and sharing information and resources and networking. It would be great to have elected officials be part of it and hear the voices of the disabled. This outline is a first step. We would like your support for the subcommittee to continue and to hash out the logistics of it.

Ms. Garcia presented the outline and reviewed it. The outline is herewith attached to these minutes as Exhibit "2".

There was discussion about possible locations for the event, the suggestion that the site be fully accessible, live captioning and interpreters working with local resources and other issues.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Montoya-Chavez, seconded by Ms. Parfitt, to approve the subcommittee's request to move forward with the plans for an event.

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

Mr. Fresquez and Ms. Garcia thanked the Committee for their support.

Ms. Parfitt was added to the subcommittee.

Mr. Fresquez said he would like to add Mr. Horta to the subcommittee.

**D. RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS FOR WEBSITE SELECTION OF OPEN SOURCE VIDEOS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Chair Bleck said there are lots of materials available for this on a variety of applicable topics. We would like to have Committee members look at them on line and decide which ones to recommend that we load onto our website. They can be viewed from your home.

Mr. Graham showed a sample short video as an example of videos we can have links to on the website. They are all captioned.

Ms. Garcia, Ms. Montoya-Chavez, Ms. Parfitt and Mr. Fresquez volunteered to view videos and make recommendations. A subcommittee was formed.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. MCD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**B. NOISE LEVEL ORDINANCE SPONSOR UPDATE**

Ms. Parfitt discussed why there is a need for a noise ordinance.

There was no report on progress in finding a sponsor.

Mr. Graham said he will add the issue of “captions always on” to the agenda for March.

**9. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF**

None.

**10. ADJOURN**

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

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Aurore Bleck, Chair

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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

[https://www.santafenewmexican.com/opinion/editorials/keep-night-skies-in-mind-when-choosing-streetlights/article\\_a225e330-8e6c-11eb-974d-f3c6c2d94c9c.html](https://www.santafenewmexican.com/opinion/editorials/keep-night-skies-in-mind-when-choosing-streetlights/article_a225e330-8e6c-11eb-974d-f3c6c2d94c9c.html)

OUR VIEW

## Keep night skies in mind when choosing streetlights

The New Mexican

Mar 27, 2021

The city of Santa Fe plans to spend \$2.75 million to upgrade 5,500 streetlights. This move will replace outdated high-pressure sodium lights with LEDs, yielding what the city hopes will be a 60 percent energy savings.

Gone will be the burned-out fixtures and those that only work intermittently. The city has a contract with Dalkia Energy Solutions to install the fixtures, then maintain them at \$179,000 per year — part of a larger energy-saving public works project.

If this expensive project is done right, it will be a happy legacy for Mayor Alan Webber and the City Council. If it is done wrong, residents will be reminded of the project's shortcomings every time the sun sets.

Too much light at night, or the wrong kind of light, can interfere with people's sleep patterns and damage their health. It is hard on wildlife. It obstructs our view of the stars.

The relighting plan calls for fixtures that are shielded. That means less light to trespass into residents' bedroom windows; good news. But glare isn't the only problem. The city's initial plans called for new fixtures that emit a bluer light than do our current yellower-light-emitting streetlamps. Blue light scatters more, so rays that could be lighting what needs to be illuminated, like streets and sidewalks, end up illuminating the atmosphere.

One city, Davis, Calif., installed these bluer-light-emitting fixtures as part of an LED program, and because of public outcry, ended up having to replace many of the new streetlamps at a cost of \$350,000.

LED fixtures that emit less blue light are readily available. They are acceptable to companies and

state agencies that may have input into Santa Fe's project: the state Department of Transportation and Public Service Company of New Mexico.

These fixtures have been installed in Arizona communities: Tucson, Flagstaff and Sedona. The streets there are just as safe as they are in cities like Albuquerque, which purchased brighter, bluer lights.

At the same time LED lights are installed in residential neighborhoods, they can be fitted with sensors that dim them after midnight — more cost savings to the city.

Flagstaff and Sedona gained another benefit from their environmentally friendly lights. The International Dark-Sky Association has designated them International Dark-Sky Communities. Such towns are found in Texas, Colorado and Illinois, as well as in European countries.

Dark-sky tourism has become popular, as indicated by articles in *Forbes* magazine and *Condé Nast Traveler*. Santa Fe could well become a dark-sky destination for travelers, an idea that has caught the mayor's attention.

But this will take installing the right kind of LED lights from the start, those that don't scatter blue light, in fixtures that can be automatically dimmed after midnight in residential areas, promoting better sleep for residents and saving the city money on electricity bills.

To do this, the city's leadership must listen to the experts. Hire as a consultant a professional, night-sky-sensitive lighting engineer. Listen to New Mexicans who are well-versed in lighting science. Santa Fe has made a good start on this. City Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth made a motion in February to include dark-sky advocates in a citizen advisory group that will be formed to study the project. The decision to take public input delayed a final decision on what sorts of lights to install — a good move, since lights in the original proposal would not have reduced unnecessary light.

We have only one opportunity to make our nighttime city safe, environmentally friendly and attractive to astrotourism. City leaders: Buy the right kind of LED fixtures.

CITY OF SANTA FE  
STREETLIGHT LED  
CONVERSION PROJECT

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

# OUR STREETLIGHT SYSTEM TODAY

- HIGH FAILURE RATE AND LONG REPAIR TIMES
- CONFUSING CUSTOMER SERVICE
- DOUBLE ENERGY USE
- HIGH COST FOR ELECTRICITY AND MAINTENANCE
- FAILURE TO MEET LIGHTING REGULATIONS AND SAFETY-SECURITY EXPECTATION
- EXCESSIVE FUGITIVE LIGHT AFFECTING HOMES AND DARK SKY



# APPROACH TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM

- PNM MAINTAINS STREETLIGHTS IN THE CITY BY PRC REGULATION
  - ONCE CONVERTED, THE CITY CAN ENGAGE CONTRACTOR TO MAINTAIN STREETLIGHTS
- CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE JUST COMPLETED THEIR LED STREETLIGHT RETROFIT
  - THROUGH PUBLIC RFP PROCESS AWARDED CONTRACT TO CITELUM
  - DALKIA PURCHASED CITELUM, DALKIA MAINTAINS CABQ STREETLIGHTS
- CITY OF SANTA FE PROCUREMENT MANUAL PROVIDES FOR USE OF EXISTING PUBLICLY PROCURED CONTRACTS
  - SANTA FE BENEFITS FROM WORK AND EXPERIENCE OF CABQ AND THEIR CONTRACTOR
  - DALKIA TEAM HAS LOCAL PRESENCE AND EXPERIENCE PARTNERING WITH PNM ON CONVERSION AND MAINTENANCE
- CREATES NEW INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPACITY FOR NEW MEXICO CITIES TO SWITCH TO ENERGY EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE LEDs

# WHAT WE WILL HAVE: CENTRALIZED MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT

- ONLINE PROBLEM REPORTING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE HOTLINE
- ROUTINE REPAIRS WITHIN 5 DAYS – FASTER IF MORE THAN 1 LIGHT
- AUTOMATIC DETECTION OF FAILURES ON CITY OWNED LIGHTS.
- COMPANY DEDICATED TO STREET LIGHT PERFORMANCE
- REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REPAIRS, RELIABILITY AND ENERGY USE
- ACCURATE INVENTORY IN POWERFUL DESIGN AND TRACKING TOOL

# WHAT WE WILL HAVE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT



- 50-60% REDUCTION IN ENERGY USE
- PROGRESS ON CITY GOAL OF CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2040
- LEED CITIES POINTS TOWARD PLATINUM
- NEW FIXTURES COMPLY WITH STATE AND LOCAL DARK SKY CODE

# WHAT WE WILL HAVE: ENERGY SAVED SINCE LEDS USE LESS ENERGY FOR SAME LUMENS 400W HPS VS 168W LED

Fc.: 2.99  
Ave./Min.: 1.83  
Max./Min.: 3.15

BEFORE  
400 W HPS  
(465 W)

Fc.: 1.76  
Ave./Min.: 1.52  
Max./Min.: 2.22

After  
168 W LED  
(168 W)



# WHAT WE WILL HAVE: LIGHTS SHINE ON STREET, NOT INTO HOMES



**Stoddard St. HPS #1**

HPS fixture with more back light than ideal.



**Fairview Ave. LED #2**

# WHAT WE WILL HAVE: SHIELDED FIXTURES REDUCE SKY GLOW

Los Angeles Basin – View from Mt. Wilson  
Before LED Retrofit Project – 2008



Los Angeles Basin – View from Mt. Wilson  
After LED Retrofit Project – 2012



# CITY OUTDOOR LIGHTING CODE GUIDES DESIGN

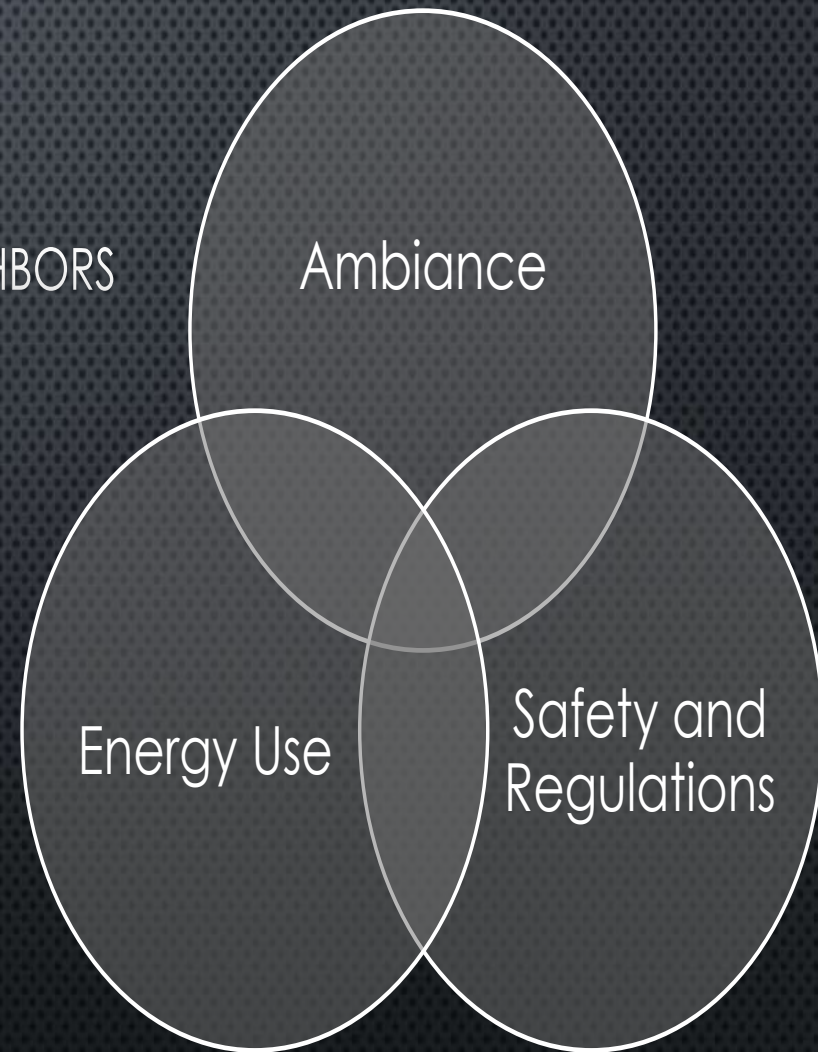
*“Regulate outdoor lighting in order to*

- **reduce light pollution**, reduce or prevent glare, reduce or prevent light trespass,
- **conserve energy**,
- promote a sense of **safety and security**
- and ensure **aesthetically appropriate** outdoor lighting
- in keeping with the **character of Santa Fe”**

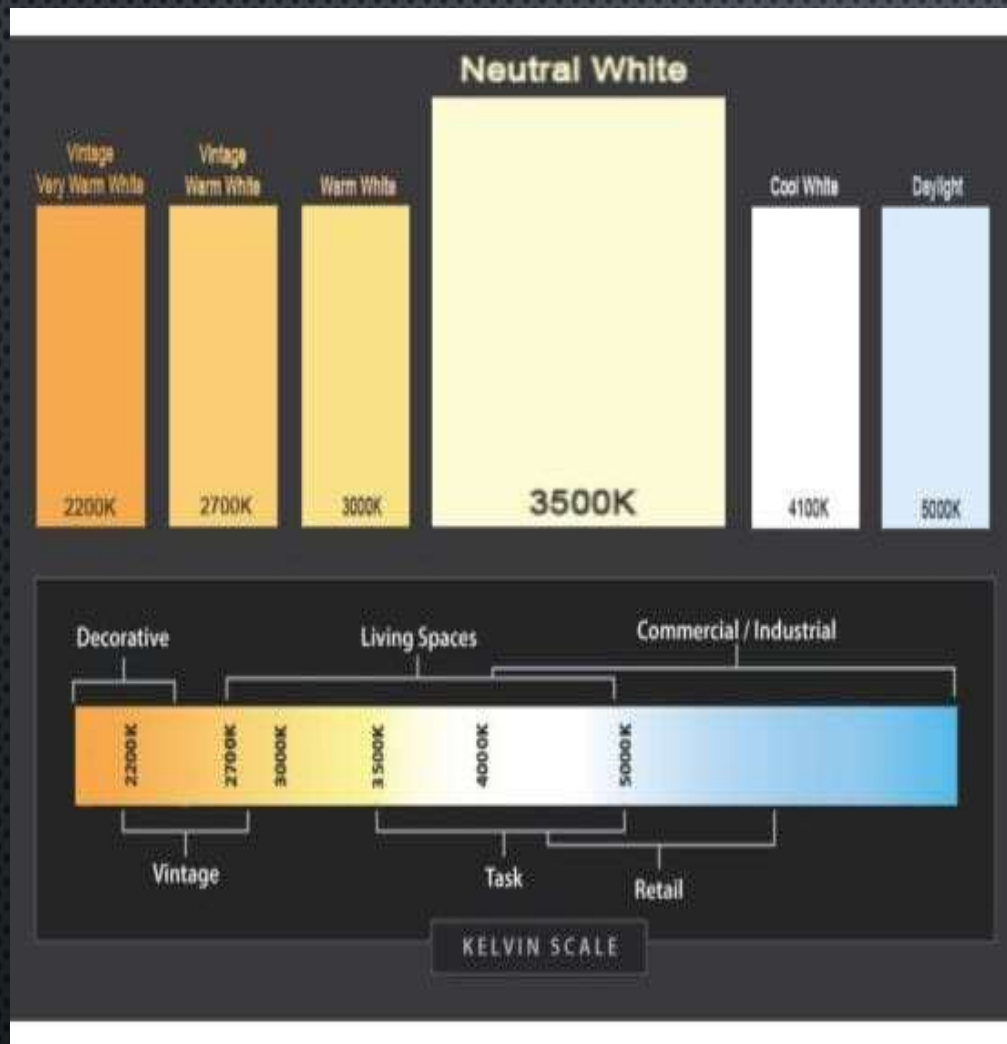
# LIGHTING BY DESIGN PROCESS

- CREATE DEMONSTRATIONS AND ENGAGE NEIGHBORS
- ANALYZE OPTIONS AND TRADEOFFS
- ENSURE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE
- GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL OF DESIGN

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/Q\\_Q1QD5FLBU](https://youtu.be/Q_Q1QD5FLBU)



# DESIGN PARAMETERS



## Key LED Lamp Specs

Watts – energy use

Lumens - brightness

Shielding – direction of light

CCT- Color temperature

## Regulations and Standards

City Outdoor Lighting

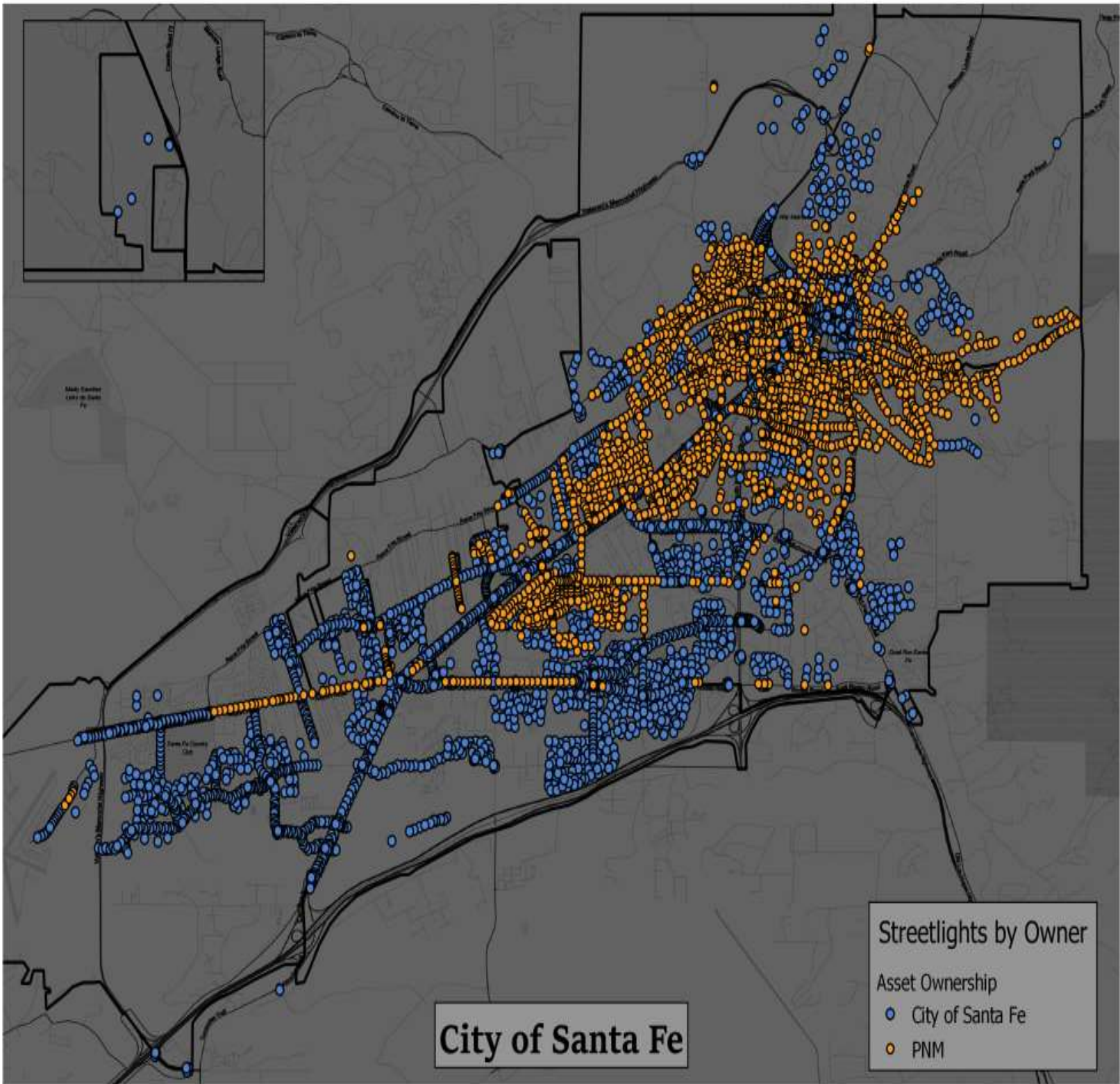
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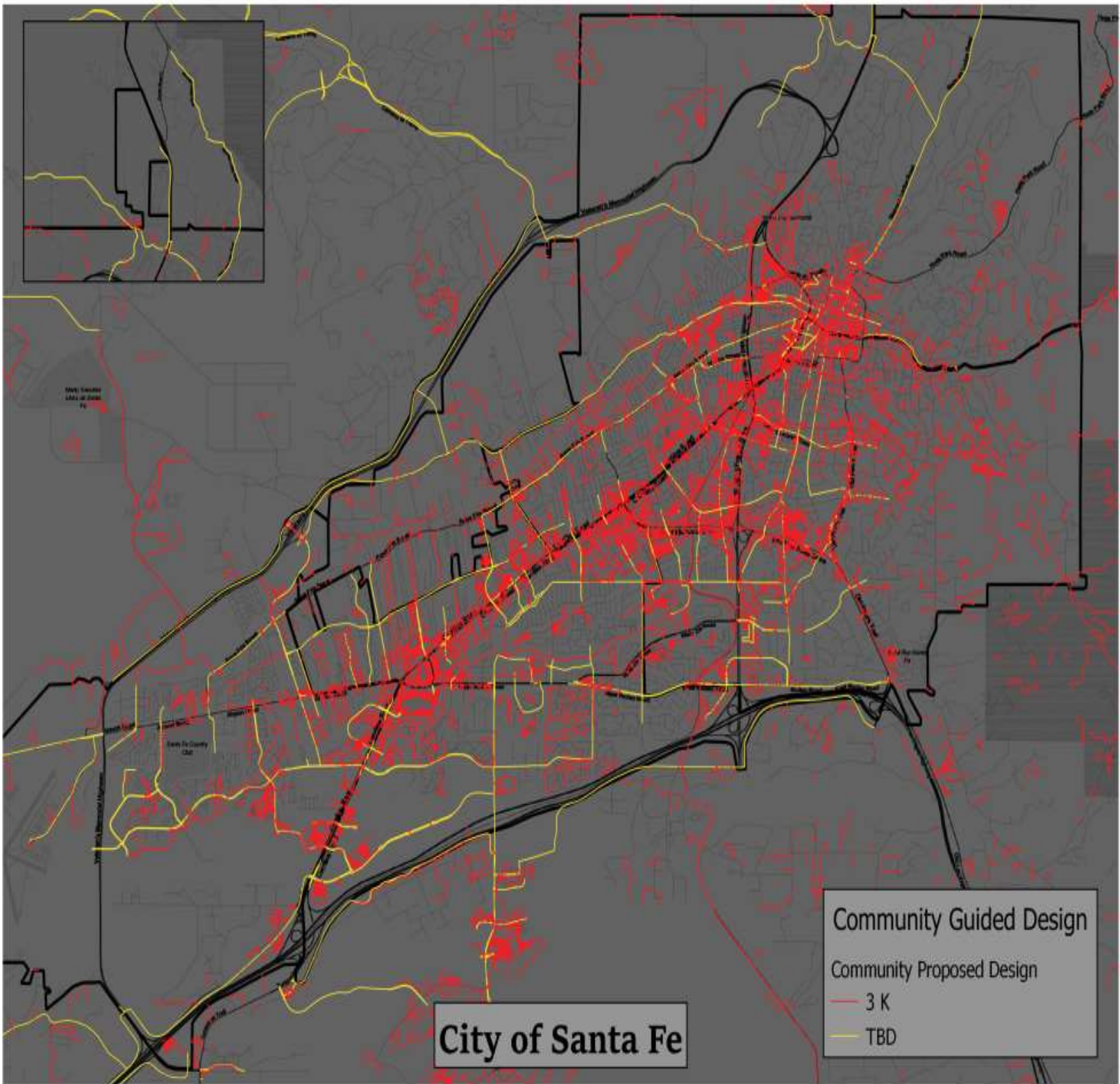
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## Community Comfort and Safety





# PROJECT AND FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS

- FINANCING
  - PACKAGED WITH SOLAR
  - PAY BACK PERIOD IMPROVED
  - COMBINATION MAKES ATTRACTIVE ENERGY PACKAGE
- TWO STEP APPROVAL PROCESS
  - APPROVE CONTRACTOR TO FINALIZE DESIGN
  - APPROVE LIGHTING DESIGN

# DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL CORE ADVISORY COUNCILS (CAG) BY THE NMDEPAC (NM DISABILITY EMERGENCY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL)



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Santa Fe Mayor's Committee

Lisa McNiven, MPA

Governor's Commission on Disability

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# REPORT OUTLINE

- ◆ Whole Community Approach (FEMA)

- ◆ Office of Disability Integration and Coordination under FEMA.

- ◆ NMDEPAC

- ◆ Development of Local Core Advisory Group(s) (CAG's) in New Mexico



# AN INTEGRATED, INCLUSIVE, AND LAYERED APPROACH USING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY CONCEPT

U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA

FEMA:  
Office of  
Disability  
and  
Integratio  
(ODIC)

State and Local Entity

**NM Disability  
Emergency  
Planning  
Advisory  
Council  
(NMDEPAC)**

NM Department  
of Homeland  
Security &  
Emergency Mgmt

State Government

Governor's  
Commission  
on Disability  
(GCD)

- DDPC
- CFB
- NMCDHH

Local Government

BCHSEM  
Office

ABQ EOC  
Office

**Local Core  
Advisory  
Groups**

Disability Community and  
First Responders

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# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Regional  
Disability  
Integration  
Advisors

State  
Core  
Advisory  
Group



Local  
Core  
Advisory  
Groups

Lead  
Disability  
Integration  
Advisor

Field  
Operations  
Chief

# FEMA: OFFICE OF DISABILITY INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION

Represents U.S.  
Internationally

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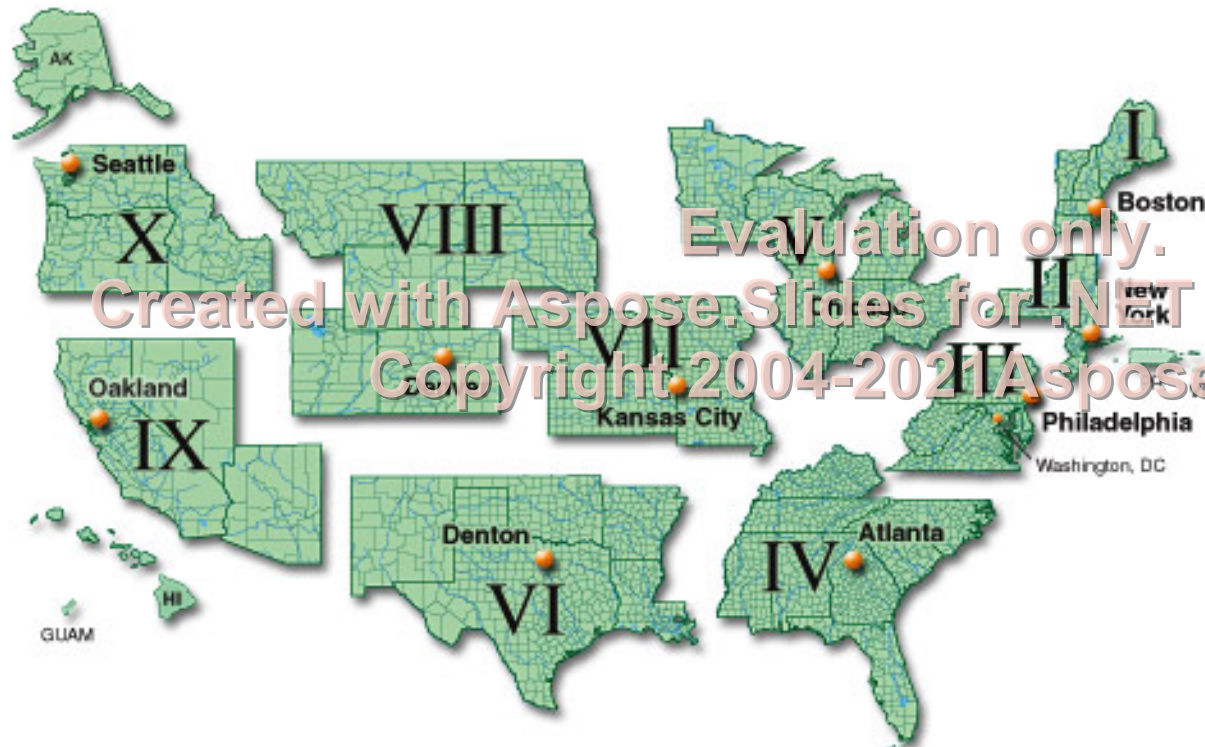
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FEMA/ODIC  
Linda  
Mastandrea

Leads the  
Interagency  
Coordination  
Council

Coordinates the  
Katrina Reform  
Act with  
specialist in  
field

# REGIONAL DISABILITY INTEGRATION SPECIALIST



- ◆ There are 10 Regional Disability Integration Specialist (RDIS) in the U.S.

- ◆ New Mexico is under Region 6, and it is based in Denton, Texas which is just north of Dallas.

- ◆ The RDIS provide guidance, training, and tools for facilitating disability inclusive emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

In **Region VI**: each states has a statewide CAG group (Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas and NM).

It is not known if the other regions all have CAGs at this time, nor is it know how many local core advisory groups there are in each state. This will need to be investigated some more if interested in this knowledge.

# NM DISABILITY EMERGENCY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL (NMDEPAC)

## Mission Statement

**Advocate, advise, train and educate** for people with disabilities in disaster preparedness with the state and local agencies emergency managers and first responders and disability communities.

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**NMDEPAC is a state council** that meets quarterly at various locations in Albuquerque. It will also oversee local core advisory groups around the state.

- **Provide Advise to Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD) and the NM Department of Homeland Security.**
- **Participate in exercises (Full Scale and Tabletop Exercises)**
- **Provide local advice & training to first responders or people with disabilities on Emergency Preparedness.**

# NMDEPAC

## Members

- Lisa McNiven, Chair (GCD)
- Alyssa Clements (NOAA)
- Corina Gutierrez (NMCDHH)
- Cecelia Fred (Women's Group - Gallup)
- Coby Livingstone (SILC)
- Daniel Ekman (DDPC)
- Dianne Lindstrom (AARP)
- Holly Ridgeway (MS Society)
- Ingrid Hendrix (UNM)
- Lindsay Sloan (DDPC)

## National and State Partners

- ◆ **FEMA; Office of Disability and Integration office** in Washington DC and Region 6 in Texas:  
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Felecia Schreier
- ◆ **National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration:**  
Kerry Jones
- ◆ **Department of Health, ERD, Bureau of Health Emergency Management:**  
Loren de Azevedo
- ◆ **NM Children, Youth and Families Department:**  
Eli Fresquez

# NMDEPAC Agenda

1. Assist with the distribution of Evacuation Workbooks and “Go Bags”.
2. Region VI Video Project
3. Notification System Mapping Report
4. Access and Functional Needs Mapping Report
5. Involvement with the DOH AFN Advisory Group (Now DAFN COVID 19 meetings)
6. Development of Local Core Advisory Groups in Santa Fe, Gallup, and Las Cruces.
7. CERT Program
8. Future Presentations
9. Exercises in the state



## Evacuation Workbooks



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Have given out 2,000 evacuation workbooks to date.

Currently have 1400 copies available to distribute.

Working on a Spanish Version of the Evacuation workbooks at 400 copies.

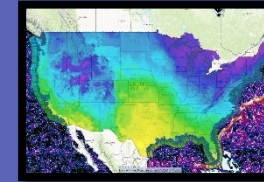
## Go Bags



Have given out 150 “Go Bags” to date.

Currently developing 100 “Go Bags” to distribute to individuals with disabilities.

# NATIONAL OCEANIC ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION VIDEO PROJECT



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# NMDEPAC

## Two Subcommittees

### Notification Systems Mapping Project

- ◆ Committed to **identifying the type of notification systems** in each county and city in NM.
- ◆ Upon identifying each system, we offer to the host of such systems to have the **NMDEPAC members to test the program to see if it is accessible.**
- ◆ We will tabulate and create a booklet of all the notification systems in the state by location and website.
  - ◆ We encourage **individuals with disabilities to sign up** for their local notification systems to receive alerts of disasters in the community they live and work in.

### Access and Functional Needs Mapping Project

- ◆ Project is to **identify the service providers** serving the access and functional needs community, that also includes individuals with disabilities.
- ◆ Once an agency, organization or program is identified, it **will be listed by name, address, phone number, email, and website in a booklet.**
- ◆ This **booklet is designed for emergency managers**, as it is important that individuals with disabilities are served during and after a disaster with necessary equipment or services as needed.

# AFN Workgroup by DOH

- ◆ Report by Loren de Azevedo



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# Local Core Advisory Group Project

- ◆ Gallup

- ◆ Silver City

- ◆ Clovis

- ◆ Note: Other locations will be focused on later.

# CERT (COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM)

Volunteer Program; they have increased capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disaster through training from FEMA.

- ◆ Learn how to safely respond to manmade and natural hazards

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- ◆ Help organize basic disaster response



- ◆ Promote preparedness by hosting and participating in community events

Note: CERT Programs exist in the following locations; Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, CrownPoint, Santa Fe Community College, East Mountain Area, Sierra County, Mckinley County, Socorro County and the University of New Mexico.

Note: Report by Cheryl Padilla



# Examples of some Past and Future Presentations

Women's Professional Group and Post  
Polio Group - June 1<sup>st</sup>

CERT Cadre Teaching under AFN

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NMEMA Conference

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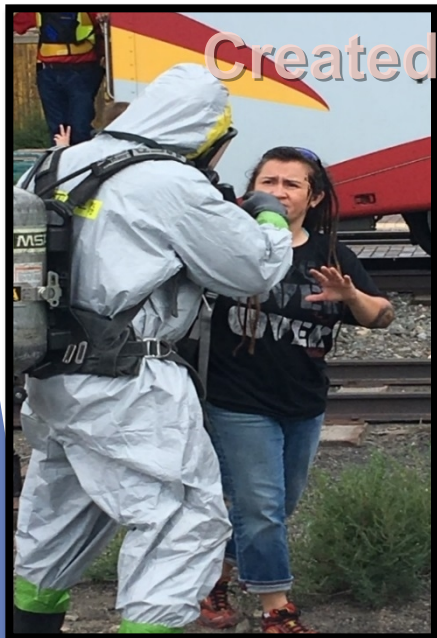
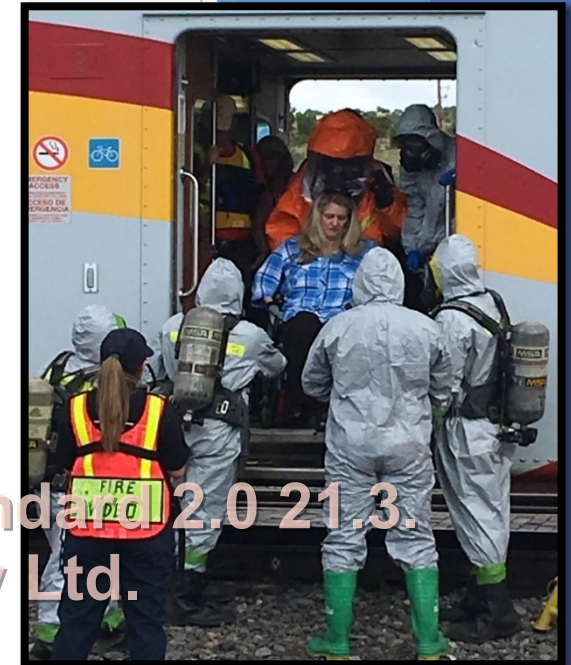
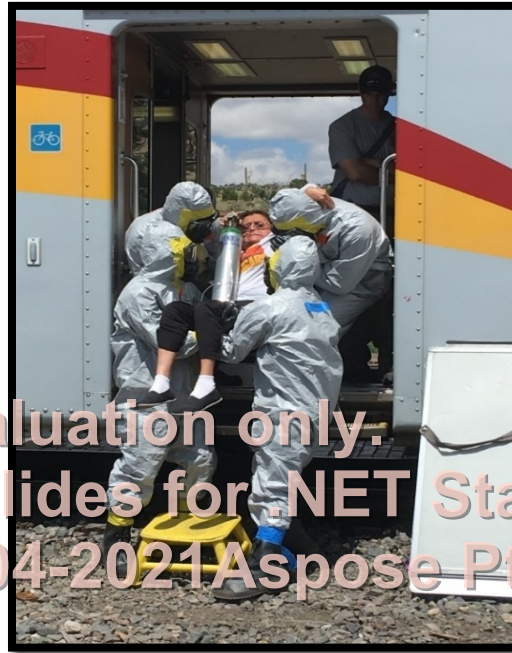
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NM Homeland Security and Emergency  
Management Conference

DOH AFN Summit

Disability Rights Awareness Day (DRAD)

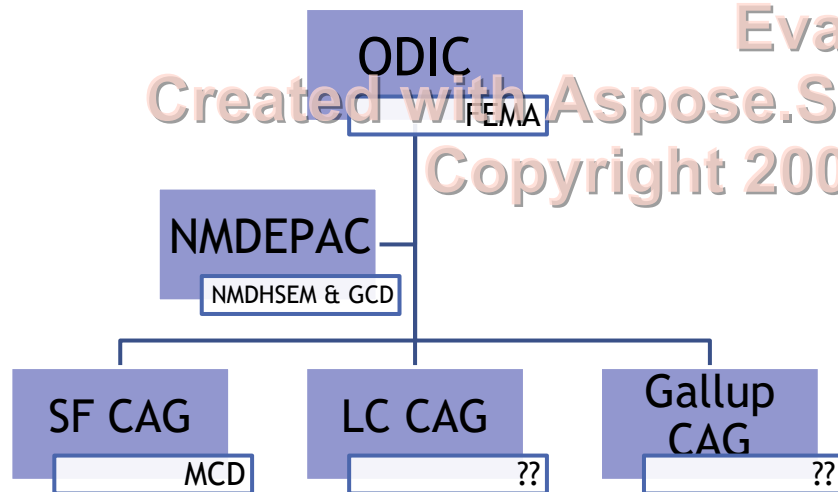
# FULL SCALE TRAIN EXERCISE: LAMY, NEW MEXICO AND A DISCUSSION ON FUTURE EXERCISES?



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# Structure of a Local Core Advisory Group (CAG):

- ◆ Request the CAG be under the Mayor's Disability Committee for advisory and fiscal support.



- ◆ Appoint a temporary Chair
  - ◆ Chair will work closely (as needed) with the NMDEPAC Chair
  - ◆ Will report development of the CAG to the NMDEPAC quarterly
- ◆ Invite at least 10 members in the community to participate
- ◆ Develop a name, mission/vision statement, goals/objectives.
- ◆ Recommend meeting quarterly.

# Potential Representatives on the CAG's

(recommend at least 10 individuals)

Home Health Care

Oxygen suppliers/vendors

Post Office

Meals on Wheels

Military installations/VA and DAV representatives

Dispatch > lifeline

School Principals and special educators

EMS, Fire, Recue and Law Enforcement

Hospital Preparedness Designee

Public Health (Manager and PHRC)

County/City Transportation Director

Elected city/county officials

Local media

Resorts and Hotels

Mobility vendors (wheelchairs, assistive devices)

Mental Health providers

Disability Service providers

Senior Center administrators

Group Home directors

Nursing Home directors

Employment workshops

Day care centers (children, seniors, PWD)

Independent Living Centers

Assisted Living facilities

Hospice centers

DD Independent Case Managers

Emergency Managers (local)

Individuals with disabilities and/or representatives of Disability Organizations

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# POTENTIAL IDEAS THAT A CORE ADVISORY GROUP COULD WORK ON:

- ◆ Partner with your local Emergency Manager to review and enhance the following documents to prepare, respond and mitigate disasters for people with disabilities.

- ◆ Emergency operations plans,
- ◆ Response and recovery plans,
- ◆ Mitigation plans and,
- ◆ Plans to ensure protection.

- ◆ Create Workshops in the community to raise awareness. Variety of topics can be developed from the CAG.

- ◆ Participate with the Local ERM and receive training

- ◆ Be involved in local exercises
  - ◆ Full scale Exercises
  - ◆ Tabletop exercises

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# Possible Fiscal Responsibilities may involve the following:

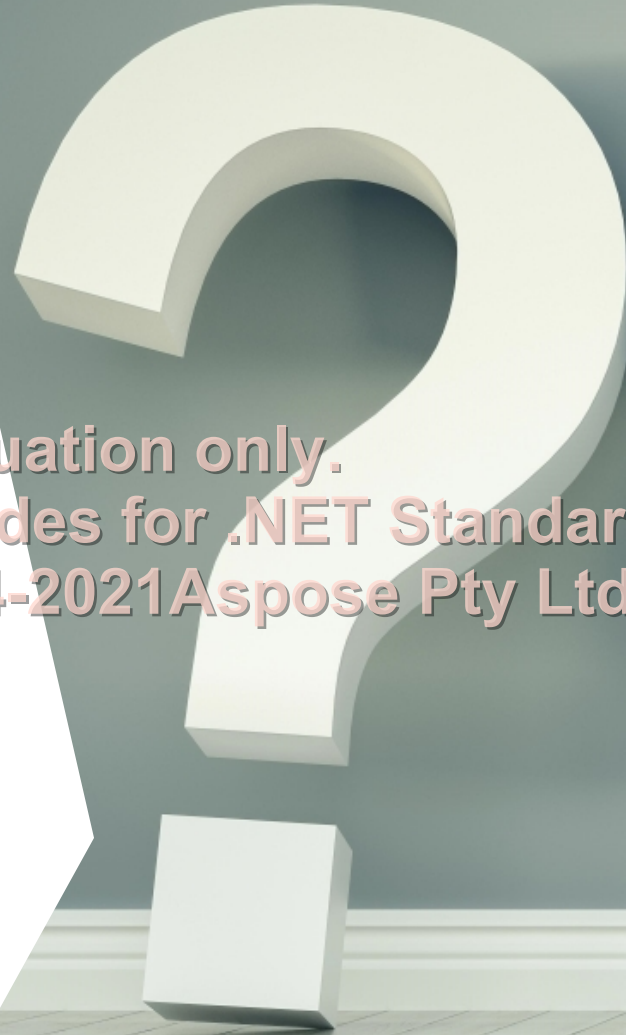
- ◆ Conduct community surveys to ensure that the Mayor's Committee and your CAG are aware of the needs of individuals with disabilities.
- ◆ Travel to conferences, meetings, and full-scale/table-top exercises
- ◆ Website Design and Maintenance:
  - ◆ A local website to provide accessible information, resources, and materials to the individuals with disabilities about emergency management activities in the state. ▪
  - ◆ Design, Printing, Distribution of any materials and resource guide developed by the CAG.

## ◆ Interpretation and Translation:

- Translation of materials from English to Spanish.
- Text to Braille and Large Print.
- American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for:
  - For video projects
  - For in-person or virtual interpretation may be needed for the following:
    - Meetings
    - Table-top/full-scale exercises accessible to individuals who are Blind and Visually Impaired and to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (including the Deaf-Blind).

# Questions and Answers

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