



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE
ON DISABILITY
JUNE 17, 2021
10:00 AM
ATTEND VIRTUALLY

SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR THE 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, the ban on public gatherings in excess of those permitted in the current Public Health Order, and the need to incorporate technology and practices to re-institute in-person meetings consistent with the limitations established by the Order, the Mayor's Committee on Disability meeting will be conducted virtually.

Internet: To join the Zoom meeting on the internet using a computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet, use the following link: <https://santafenm-gov.zoom.us/j/96829851244?pwd=ZUZOCnBRU1pOMVh4YmR0c0c3VIRpQT09>.

Passcode: 835049

Attendees should use the "Raise Hand" function to be recognized by the Chair to speak at the appropriate time.

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The agenda and packet for the meeting will be posted at <https://santafe.primegov.com/public/portal>.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. April 15, 2021 Meeting
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MINUTES TOTAL)**



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6. PRESENTATIONS

- a. City of Santa Fe Alternative Response Unit (ARU) and how it works for people with disabilities. An overview of the unit and progress since going active - (Deputy Chief Paul Joye, SFPD (505) 955-5355, pmjoye@santafenm.gov - Assistant Chief Brian Moya, SFFD (505) 955-3111, bjmoya@santafenm.gov)
- b. Continuing need to protect disabled and elderly citizens from income source discrimination in Santa Fe. Discussing Housing Choice Voucher discrimination in low-income tax credit buildings as related to Section 8 and other income related discrimination - (Kathlyne Gish)

7. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION

- a. Nominations and Elections of MCD Officers. Two year term for Chair and Vice Chair of MCD to be discussed and voted on - (Aurore Bleck)
- b. Approval of Captions Always On Letter to Mayor Webber - (Pam Parfitt)
- c. Continuing free public transportation in the City of Santa Fe (Buses and SF Ride) to assure access for lowest income, disabled, and elderly citizens to have equitable access in the City of Santa Fe while accessing housing, food, medical care, employment, education, and other community resources - (Kathlyne Gish and Kendra Garcia)
- d. COVID-19 access issues. Inaccurate accessibility being identified within city vaccine distribution locations by the state website. City Senior Services issues in providing access/follow-up for vaccination of homebound seniors - (Kathlyne Gish)
- e. Affordable and Senior Housing Issues in the City of Santa Fe. Continuing conversation and updates on affordable housing for disabled and seniors in the City of Santa Fe - (Kathlyne Gish)

8. OLD BUSINESS



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- A. MCD Sub-committee reports
 - B. Noise Level Ordinance sponsor update – (Pam Parfitt)
9. **MATTERS FROM STAFF**
10. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**
11. **NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 19, 2021**
12. **ADJOURN**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

10:02 am

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Member Aurore Bleck
Member Kendra Garcia
Member Kathlyne Gish
Member Pam Parfitt
Member Meriam Jawhar
Member Jose "Eli" Fresquez

Members Excused:

Member Hope Reed
Member Victor Hughes
Member Angelique Montoya-Chavez

Others Attending:

Jeff Norris, Assistant Legislative Liaison
Tom Graham, ADA Coordinator
Regina Wheeler, Attendee

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Member Garcia moved, seconded by Member Gish, to approve as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Bleck, Member Garcia, Member Gish, Member Parfitt, Member Jawhar, Member Fresquez

Against: None

Abstain: None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**



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a. Minutes from February 2020 Meeting

MOTION: Member Parfitt moved, seconded by Member Jawhar, to approve the minutes as amended.
Meeting ended at 12:05.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Bleck, Member Garcia, Member Gish, Member Parfitt, Member Jawhar, Member Fresquez

Against: None

Abstain: None

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 Minute Total)**

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. City of Santa Fe Streetlight Conversion Project (Cheyenne Ernst, Project Expeditor, Dalkia Community Engagement, cheyenne.ernst@dalkiasolutions.com; Regina Wheeler, Public Works Director, rawheeler@santafem.gov)

Public Works Director Wheeler and Cheyenne Ernst, the City's consultant from Dalkia EDF Group, provided a presentation regarding the LED conversion project from existing sodium streetlights. Information was provided about the differences and pros and cons. Discussed was the public involvement process to determine the best course of action. This presentation was a means to reach out to the Santa Fe disabled community, because the process wants to include people with disabilities and their concerns. MCD Member Reed has volunteered to be on the Steering Committee as a representative of the MCD and the disabled community. The presentation was received well and Director Wheeler and Ms. Ernst were thanked for the presentation and inclusion of the MCD.



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- 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)

MOTION: Member Fresquez moved, seconded by Member Garcia, to approve the formation of a CAG Subcommittee to be named later by itself.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Bleck, Member Garcia, Member Gish, Member Parfitt, Member Jawhar, Member Fresquez

Against: None

Abstain: None

Lisa McNiven, the Chairperson of the New Mexico Emergency Planning Advisory Council (NMDEPAC) made a presentation about the development of Local Core Advisory Groups (CAG) in New Mexico. The value of involving many different sectors of an entire community to prepare a plan for emergency situations was well received. Ms McNiven is planning to involve different Disability Committees throughout the State in this new CAG program. The Santa Fe MCD was the first organization to volunteer, and has established a Subcommittee (to be named at a later date by the Subcommittee itself) of Committee Member Fresquez as the Chair and Committee Member Garcia to establish the Santa Fe CAG and organize with NMDEPAC moving forward.

7. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION

- a. MCD Membership, term renewals and new member (Tom Graham, ADA Coordinator/Committee Liaison, tmgraham@santafenm.gov)

The Staff Liaison, Tom Graham, discussed the recent Committee Member term extensions approved by the Governing Body for Committee Members Aurore Bleck, Kathlyne Gish and Kendra Garcia. Their terms



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are all extended until January 2025. Mr. Graham also welcomed Mr. Jose "Eli" Fresquez III as the newest member of the MCD. Mr. Fresquez replaced the seat vacated by Mr. Michael D. Wirtz who provided many years of valuable service. Mr. Wirtz was greatly thanked for his service upon his retirement from the MCD. Committee Member Fresquez then introduced himself and shared his background and interests with the MCD.

b. Covid-19 Response

Mr. Graham discussed the positive efforts of the many City departments to meet the crisis with information and policies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and applauded the community of Santa Fe for being among the best in dealing with all the hardships of the pandemic.

Committee Member Fresquez discussed the information currently available regarding vaccines and the exigent need for this information in relation to people with disabilities.

Vice Chair Gish discussed the need for expanding vaccine services for people with disabilities that are homebound.

Committee Member Parfitt relayed her experiences among the first group of people allowed the vaccine, and how for many disabled people, how difficult it was at Santa Fe High School site that had many barriers.

Mr. Graham mentioned that he is in contact with the State and Committee Member Fresquez in his Disability Access Functional Needs (DAFN) position to work toward providing surveys and training to mitigate barriers at vaccine sites.

c. Captions Always On (Pam Parfitt, sffiddle@gmail.com)

MOTION: Member Parfitt moved, seconded by Member Fresquez, to approve a letter of support as presented.

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Against: None

Abstain: None

Committee Member Parfitt gave an update on her efforts for developing legislation in the City of Santa Fe similar to that of the City of Albuquerque for Captions Always On televisions in public venues. Ms. Parfitt has been working with the New Mexico President of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) in developing a plan to introduce this to the Santa Fe Governing Body and stated that this has received great interest from Governing Body Councilor Renee Villareal.

A motion was made by Member Parfitt and seconded by Member Fresquez, for Ms. Parfitt to draft a letter of support from the MCD for "Captions Always On" legislature being introduced to the Santa Fe Governing Body.

d. Committee Administration, Officers and Meeting Frequency

MOTION: Member Garcia moved, seconded by Member Gish, to approve a bi-monthly schedule on the third Thursday of even numbered months at 10:00 am.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Bleck, Member Garcia, Member Gish, Member Parfitt, Member Jawhar, Member Fresquez

Against: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Graham raised the issue of holding elections for officers of the Mayor's Committee on Disability. The term of the officers by Resolution 2006-151 is two years, and Mr. Graham suggested that the Members



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deliberate about their choices for Chair and Vice-Chair to be nominated and voted on at the next meeting.

Meeting Frequency was discussed about maintaining the current monthly schedule, or changing to a bi-monthly or quarterly meeting schedule, as well as date or time changes.

A motion was made Member Garcia and Seconded by Member Gish to change to a bi-monthly meeting schedule on the third Thursday of each even numbered month at 10:00 am.

The roll call vote was approved. The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2021 at 10:00 am.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. MCD Work Group/Sub-Committee Reports

Chair Bleck reported that since the advisory committee shut down, there has not been active progress of most of the subcommittees.

Mr. Graham reported that the Plan Review Subcommittee has been actively reviewing projects through Subcommittee Chair Reed and himself over the entire last year. Mr. Graham stated that he would allow Ms. Reed to report at the June 17 meeting.

Committee Member Fresquez and Garcia reported that the Subcommittee for the 30th anniversary celebration of the ADA was halted some, but thanked the Mayor for his Proclamation to recognize it. They were going to strategize to see about a way to possibly do something this year to recognize the 31st anniversary.

b. Noise Level Ordinance Sponsor Update (Pam Parfitt, sffiddle@gmail.com)

Committee Member Parfitt stated that the Noise Level Ordinance would be secondary to the Captions Always On legislature at this time as a matter of prioritization, and would update the MCD in the future when progress has been made.

9. MATTERS FROM STAFF

None

10. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE



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Adjourn at 12:07 pm.

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Liaison

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jurore Black", written over a horizontal line.

Chair

Mayor's Committee on Disability

C/O ADA Coordinator, City of Santa Fe

P.O. Box 909, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0909

Re: Captions Always On

June 17, 2021

Dear Mayor Webber, City Council Members and City Manager:

Hearing loss is a significant problem in the United States. Approximately one in five Americans have some type of hearing loss in one or both ears that affects their ability to communicate and receive information. Television receivers are increasingly used in facilities open to the general public including hospital waiting rooms, bars and restaurants, health clubs, bus stations, airport lounges and appliance stores. Television receivers in these and other locations enable members of the general public to obtain the latest news reports in an emergency, watch sports events and pass the time while waiting for an appointment or service to be completed.

People with hearing disabilities should not be excluded from these activities and need to be able to understand emergency messaging while in public areas via closed captioning. The on-going pandemic has shown how important up to date information is for all segments of our society. It is too late to turn on captions in an emergency situation as there may not be an owner, manager or anyone around with the foresight or knowhow to turn on the captions.

Captions Always On will provide inclusion of those members of the general public who are deaf or hard of hearing in places of public accommodation and would prevent the effect of excluding, denying service, segregating or otherwise treating those with hearing disabilities differently from the hearing community. The activation of closed captioning will also provide a benefit to all consumers of televised or streamed media in situations where it is difficult to hear because of background noise.

We request that any person owning or managing a place of public accommodation must activate closed captioning on all closed-captioned television receivers that are turned on and operating in any public area during regular business hours where the televised event is technically capable of displaying closed captioning. If multiple television models are in use and displayed together for sale in a public area, at least one closed-captioned television must be available for viewing.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Aurore Bleck
Chair
Mayor's Committee on Disability