

City of Las Cruces
ADA Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2016

1.0 Call to Order

1:35, Thursday, March 17, 2016

2.0 Quorum

It was determined that the committee had a quorum of its current members.

Members in attendance were:

Richard Haas
Charlie Harvey
Noreen Lehmann

Advisors to the Committee:

George Lopez
Christine Rivera

Guests

Cyrruss Easterlin
Sheila Johnson
Shelly Nichols-Shaw

3.0 Minutes

Minutes of the last official meeting of the committee, September 10, 2015, were reviewed and C. Harvey moved approval, N. Lehmann 2nd. Passed.

4.0 City Clerk Presentation

Christine Rivera with the City Clerk's office reviewed the requirements of City Committees.

Agenda deadlines will be Friday before the meeting to meet the 72 hour posting requirement. George Lopez will post agenda.

Reviewed committee vacancies and procedures to fill those. Also noted that member attendance of 75% of meetings is required. C. Easterlin ask if an application was available in Braille. C. Rivera will check.

5.0 Public Comments

Public Comments were moved up in the agenda so visitors could leave.

C. Easterlin noted that 7 blocks of sidewalks are not accessible near his apartment complex at 1505 La Fonda. The complex is a Section 8 housing unit yet is not accessible. He had a question about leases but the committee stated they could not give legal advice. Another guest, S. Nichols-Shaw, told Mr. Easterlin where he might get legal aid regarding his lease. He also stated that the National Federation of the Blind is having a meeting in Las Cruces April 8, 9 and 10.

S. Johnson noted that People First meets the first and third Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Brannigan Library, 2nd floor.

S.Nichols-Shaw stated that she was on the Dona Ana County ADA committee and would like to coordinate efforts between our two groups. She noted that there is an up-coming Disability Summit in Las Cruces, May 6 at DACC East Mesa.

Discussion between the committee, S. Nichols-Shaw and G. Lopez occurred regarding her issue with the City. G. Lopez stated that he would provide the committee with information on this issue. Ms. Nichols-Shaw requested she be

copied. The committee was presented with a draft letter from Ms. Nichols-Shaw stating her concerns. The committee will wait for the additional information from Mr. Lopez before acting on the letter.

6.0 By Law Changes

The committee is considering changing its meetings to every other month. This would depend on how much is before the committee. It was suggested that the committee wait until the new members come on board before changing the by laws.

7.0 New Members

The committee will have 2 vacancies due to the expiring terms of Timothy Farr and Gail Estell. The committee will elect new officers when those positions are filled.

8.0 Council Report

It was noted that the committee is required to report to the City Council on an annual basis. The report should contain committee activities, concerns and goals.

9.0 Adjournment

C. Harvey moved to adjourn, 2nd by N. Lehmann, motion passed. Committee adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

End of Report

Minutes amended. Motion to approve by Cory Valencia, 2nd by Noreen Lehman.
Approved April 14, 2016.



Richard Haas, Chair