

# ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 13, 2005

2:00 P.M.



## MINUTES

### I. Welcome/Roll Call

The meeting is called to order at 2:11 pm. .

COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	
		Excused	Unexcused
Eric Reed, Dist. 3, Chairperson	X		
Vacant, Mayor's Appt.			
Olivia Chavez, Dist. 1		X	
Willie Padilla, Dist. 2	X		
Donald J. Seeley, Dist 4, Co-Chairperson		X	
Fred Gromand, Dist. 5	X		
Martin Wagner, Dist. 6	X		
Enriqueta Natividad, Dist. 7	X		
Ernesto Armendariz, Dist. 8			X
Bill Bennett, ADA Coordinator	X		
Ruby B. Ransom (Mr. Reed's Assistant)	X		
Steve Burman, Human Resources		X	
Sergio Reyes, Traffic Eng. Div.		X	
James W. Peterson, Sun Metro	X		
City Attorney's Office			
Jeff Belles, General Services Director	X		

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of September 22, 2005.

### III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

#### A. Meeting with the City Manager.

Eric Reed met with the City Manager on October 5, 2005. The Para Transit Task Force presentation to City Council and items that the Accessibility Advisory Committee is dealing with were discussed. The Transition Plan, Sensitivity Training for the Mayor and Council, and development of an Office of Disability Services were discussed. Details on how the transition plan will work and how it will or should be presented were presented. Sensitivity Training will be rescheduled. The office of Disability Services was not given a yes or no at this time.

#### B. Audible Pedestrian Signal status

The handrails for Washington and Paisano are being worked on. The controllers with the problem are still being fixed and when returned, construction will be done on the remaining intersections. There were some minor corrections that needed to be done on the plans and the engineer is working on them.

#### C. Sensitivity Training for Council Members.

The City Manager will put together the schedule for training. It will need to be a special council hearing and the City Manager is going to require the Deputy City Managers to be present.

#### D. Subcommittee reports for Goals and Objectives.

**Supportive employment.** This item is on hold. The TACE program has been eliminated and has gone under the umbrella of the Upper Rio Grande Workforce Commission and is being put together in the one stop. This will be brought back as soon as things settle down.

**Taxi Ordinance.** Terry Scott and the City Manager have said that it is not necessary to modify the taxi ordinance. Sun metro is working on an agreement with the taxi companies, where Sun Metro will purchase accessible taxi cabs and give them to the cab companies to provide service for Sun Metro uses and when not used for

Sun Metro uses the cab companies and will be allowed to use the vehicles for the general public on a fee basis. This will give the disabled community another transportation choice.

**Sidewalk Ordinance.** Still need to look at the existing ordinance.

**Sensitivity Training.** Already discussed.

**Transition Plan for the City.** Already discussed.

**Put ADA Coordinator under the Mayor/City Manager.** Already discussed.

**Barrier Free Construction.** No discussion because Don Seeley is not present.

**E. Formal complaints regarding ADA/Accessibility Compliance.**

No formal complaints. A couple calls for sidewalks, curb ramps, and bus stops were requested. A complaint was filed because there was not a web page for the accessibility office.

**F. Open Meeting Act Requirements.**

Some of the requirements of the open meeting act were presented. This item will be carried over until an attorney is present. A copy of the bylaws and the ordinance creating the committee will be distributed next meeting.

**G. Plan Reviews**

None. A couple of subdivisions have come in without any information.

**H. Next Meeting Agenda, Date and Location**

The next meeting will be on November 17, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Disability Awareness Month Luncheon will be on October 27, 2005.

The Disabled Volunteer Parking Team and Victim Services Response Team will have graduation on Friday (October 14, 2005.)

Susan Leech has sent out the apartment surveys.

The Governors Committee will have their awards presentation with the National Disability Awareness Awards at Fort Bliss in 2007.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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**Eric Reed, Chairperson**

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**William Bennett, Accessibility Coordinator**