

CITY OF EL PASO ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

August 26, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Meeting was called to order at 2:37 PM. The following Committee Members answered to roll call:

District	Name	Present	Absent
Mayor	George Zavala		X
D1	Marc Salazar		X
D2	Charles Johnson	X	
D3	Michelle Adjemian		X
D4	Jose Martinez	X	
D5	Beatriz Castorena-Mata	X	
D6	Phillip Thomas Laign	X	
D7	Josue Rodriguez		X
D8	William J. Ellis		X

2. **Public comment.**

Julio advised that next month's meeting may be in-person

3. **Approval of minutes of last meeting held May 27, 2021.**

Motion made by Betty Castorena, seconded by Tom Laign, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes for the previous AAC Meeting.

4. **Presentation on from VOLAR on how to procure technology solutions**

Presentation was given by Joey Acosta on Home Automation and Internet of Things

Charles asked if it is possible to have those adapted to deaf-friendly devices. Mr. Acosta indicated that such devices are available.

5. **Presentation from El Paso Leadership and Advocacy Institute**

Camille Maldonado El Paso Leadership and Advocacy Institute Coordinator covered Paso del Norte Children's Development Center services

6. **ADA Training on "ADA reasonable accommodation"**

Julio Perez explained that a building can be non-ADA compliant because of their age, but service-providers must ensure that the disabled receive equitable treatment. Service-providers must do what they can within reason to provide the service, even if they have to modify their service.

7. **Discussion on CDBG funding for Districts 2 & 4**

Postponed

8. **Opportunity for committee members to request a staff report on items of interest over which the Board has authority. Discussion of items announced at this meeting will take place during the next regularly scheduled meeting.**

Julio: Has there been any success reaching out to Chamber of Commerce or Restaurant Association? Jose: Unable to find email address and no one answers phone for Restaurant Association. Tom: I've been reaching out to the Chamber, still in the process of trying to connect.

9. **Next meeting – 9/23/21**

10. **Call to Adjourn.**

Motion made by Charles Johnson, seconded by Tom Laign and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 3:32PM.

Approved by:



Department Head/Board Secretary