

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Commission Meeting  
Room 190  
One City Plaza, Yuma, AZ

**Minutes from the Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 5:30 PM Meeting**

*Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Resolution R2015-047 that one or more members of the ADA Commission may participate telephonically. Voting procedures will remain as required by the Yuma City Charter and other applicable laws.*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman McClendon called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

**B. ROLL CALL**

ADA Liaison Kathryn Roman conducted roll call.

Commissioners Present: Virginia Avelar, Jessica Drake, Jason Giard, Leslie McClendon, Bill Mowczko

Commissioners Absent: Danielle Ross, David Nickle

Staff Members Present: Dave Wostenberg, Steve Wilson, Robert Duffy, Kathryn Roman, Jennifer Reichelt, Jennifer Miller

**C. MOTION TO CONSENT AGENDA OF DRAFT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2024**

Motion (Mowczko/Giard) to approve the draft minutes.

Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

**D. OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN FOR ADA TRANSITION PLAN SURVEY**

Communications Manager Jennifer Miller presented the Communications Department's outreach strategy for the ADA Transition Plan survey. Deputy City Administrator Jennifer Reichelt facilitated discussion with the Commission.

Staff will send a sign-up sheet for Commissioners to volunteer at public events. Commissioners will also assist in sharing the survey with stakeholder groups. Roman will provide the Commission with a flyer and news release once finalized. Future ADA surveys will be reviewed by the Commission before release.

**E. ADA CONCERNS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC**

ADA Coordinator Robert Duffy provided a quarterly update on public ADA concerns. He reported that a sidewalk accessibility issue on Pacific Avenue, submitted in August, has been resolved and closed.

**New concerns received this quarter include:**

- **October 31, 2024:** A concern regarding overgrown brush and windblown sand obstructing wheelchair access on 32nd Street. The issue was assigned to Public Works and resolved.
- **January 9, 2025:** A concern about a wall that collapsed onto a sidewalk due to high winds. Code Enforcement contacted the property owner, and the issue has been addressed.

**F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

Commissioner Mowczko requested that the Commission review the ADA website and receive a tutorial on the Yuma Click & Fix tool at a future meeting. Commissioners also requested to see results and summarized findings from the ADA Transition Plan survey, as well as to begin identifying priority areas from the Kimley-Horn report. Chairman McClendon requested future presentations from departments such as Parks and Recreation and Public Works to share their efforts related to ADA compliance.

**G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman McClendon asked whether the ADA Commission follows the same public comment guidelines as City Council. Deputy City Administrator Reichelt will consult with the City Attorney and follow up prior to the next meeting.

Yuma County resident Alexis Liggett addressed the Commission with several suggestions to enhance accessibility and inclusivity. Topics included a request for virtual meeting access, concern over the absence of a posted meeting schedule, and interest in reviewing the Kimley-Horn ADA reports—particularly regarding playground surfacing. Liggett also raised questions about enforcement of handicap parking violations and suggested updated signage. Additional comments included the recommendation to add an ADA section to City event applications, an inquiry into staff participation in DOJ ADA webinars, feedback on the usability of the ADA webpage, and suggestions to promote Commission meetings more broadly and explore public donation options to support accessibility initiatives.

**ADJOURNMENT**

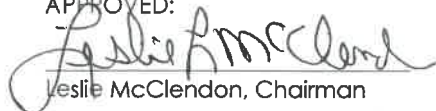
The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

**Americans with Disabilities Act**

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The Commission may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

APPROVED:

  
Leslie McClendon, Chairman

  
Date