ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: DJ Becker, Chairperson Cynthia Ortegon Diana Robbins Muhammad Latif Dennis Smith Tim Riche, Vice Chair Emmanuel Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT: Herman Perry from MORES and Council Women Gallegos

Chairperson DJ Becker called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2019. Council Member Riche moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Council Member Robbins. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Presentation on MORES- Herman Perez from Madera Opportunities for Resident Enrichment and Services (MORES), came and presented on what MORES does. Mr. Perez stated that the organization formed in 2001 to do housing projects that don’t normally fall in the standard public housing definition. Mr. Perez stated that the biggest issue the organization faces is not having enough funding available for the services needed, especially for the smaller communities such as Madera. MORES is a non profit public benefit corporation; their service group can be a variety of veteran, handicap, disabled and low income housing. The difference between
MORES and most public providers is how they provide their service. It involves purchasing, rehabbing, selling and moving on to the next property. Once the property is sold then the landlord is to maintain the property both inside and outside. This is MORES’ main focus.

3. Discussion on participation and booth ideas in the 2019 Madera District Fair-Wendy Silva asked if the ADA Council would like to staff a booth with commitment once again at the Madera District Fair on September 5-8, 2019. Chairperson Becker would like to continue to have a booth and have the Council set aside a couple of hours to participate. Chairperson Becker likes the idea of the question board that has been used the last two years; Wendy suggested considering something different so that the booth doesn’t lose interest to those that have already participated in the survey for two years. Wendy will check to see if any other City departments will be participating, to possibly have ADA Advisory Councils booth next to theirs to assist with bilingual assistance and staffing.

4. Update regarding Bus Stop by Walmart Shopping Center and Direction regarding MADAAC Letter of Support-Written Report was provided by City Transit Staff. Wendy Silva stated that the Transit Board is reviewing the issue and has provided direction to the Grants staff to contact Walmart to look at the possibility of the easement for the stop on Cleveland or the purposed fire line on the north side. Chairperson Becker moved to approve the motion to write a letter of support proposing the placement of a stop at the Walmart Shopping Center that includes an accessible path of travel to Walmart, motion seconded by Councilmember Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Oral reports- Councilmember Ortegon announced that there will be a Transit Advisory Board meeting on July 17th at 10:30 am in the City Hall Conference Room. Chairperson Becker acknowledged Madera Police Department on their excellent enforcement effort on blanketing the whole City for about 4 or 5 hours checking for handicapped placards, paperwork and they wrote a number of citations.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,                         Accepted,

Diana Rosas                              DJ Becker, Chairperson
Human Resources Technician II

Date:__________                                Date:__________