

# Wichita – Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

## August 27, 2008 - Meeting Minutes Independent Living Resource Center – 3033 West 2<sup>nd</sup> St. North

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Lindsey Mahoney  
a. **Meeting began at 9:30 a.m.**

### Attendance for the W-SCAAB:

#### Present:

Ed Koon	Lori Lawrence
Steve Hinds	Steve Stambaugh
Craig Perbeck	Jerry Davidson
Sanford J. Alexander III	David Calvert
John Sullivan	De Eaton
Dr. David Waldie	Valerhy Powers
Carole Keedy	

#### Absent:

Chris Caldarella	Marty Rothwell
Roger Dakin	Jeanne Goodvin
Grady Landrum	Nick Taylor
Susan Robinson	Judy Weigel
Ron Pasmore	Tiffany Nickel
Julie Hedrick	Jennifer Foster-Farquhar

#### City/County Staff Present:

Michelle Stroot	Management Intern, City of Wichita
Jay Hinkel	Deputy City Attorney
Charles Karugu	ADA Associate Engineer, City of Wichita
Lindsey Mahoney	Sedgwick County ADA Coordinator

#### Guests:

Gail Davidson

- II. **Approval of Minutes:** David Waldie asked if the minutes were correct. One correction – E. on page three needs to be changed to say representatives from Sorenson will be flying in from St. Louis (but Sorenson is out of Salt Lake

City). Also, John Sullivan was present not *absent* at the last meeting. The motion was made to pass the minutes with the noted changes. The Motion passed and the minutes were approved.

**III. Agenda Building** - Move Item B. from New Business to Updates. Move Item A. from Updates to New Business. Add Hotel/Airport Paratransit as an item to New Business. Sanford Alexander asked to add discussion about the recent voter clinic to the updates section.

**IV. Old Business**

A. APS Signal Discussion – Some problems include: Countdown timer is visual (and not also audible), sound alert does not direct persons across the street from opposite side, east side vibrating arrow does not work, beeping sound does not account for traffic noise, and it doesn't simulate a complete intersection. The goal is to get this light working correctly then to move on to Central and Main. All concerns are represented in Steve Stambaugh's notes except the ambient noise concern.

Jay wanted to add that this information was crucial because if we could get specifications from this crosswalk, once corrections are made to it, we could use it to prepare specifications for other crosswalks. Charles will be getting with Paul Gunzelman to look at the situation for crosswalks.

B. Curb Ramp Discussion – Curb cuts are not always straight and could cause blind individuals to walk out of the crosswalk line. Curbs cut are not always at 90 degree angles either. A comment was made that when curb cuts are not at 90 degrees, they are also dangerous to those that are not visually impaired. This is because it goes against human nature to proceed in the direction they are traveling.

Jay commented on the City's crosswalk policy - City typically used diagonal curb cuts but is moving away from that to meet standards. Center City was scheduled to meet standards by late last year. All new development must meet standards.

Maintenance Engineer will be at the next monthly meeting.

**V. New Business**

A. Presentation on County's Adoption of Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (review comments received and how they're being addressed) – Lindsey

put the comments together in a handout. Taking the plan to the County Commission at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to be adopted as a living document. David made a motion to authorize the WSCAAB's approval of the Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan document as amended by the public input. Motion passed.

B. Presentation of County Construction Procedures to Ensure ADA Compliance – Lindsey has been working with project services department to try to come up with internal procedures to try to catch issues in the design stage. Steps include: Train all staff, put compliance language in contracts, training requirement for contractors, Lindsey to attend the design and construction kick-off meetings to review plans (encourage all critical dimensions to be clearly indicated), check final designs, and go through new construction with checklist before signed off on. For leased facilities – create checklist with timeline to meet compliance and put contractual language in agreement. They have also established a procedure to keep track of projects and the stage they are in. For projects that are high profile or have high levels of public use, they would like to continue to present to this board.

Jay commented on how the process certainly works from looking at how the City has been working with it in the last few years. Charles goes out to buildings and occasionally takes Jay to keep construction in compliance.

C. Any Updates from Emergency Communications Subcommittee – Lori commented on earlier meeting that day. Lindsey is going to gather information from the authorities and the subcommittee is going to sit down and look at it to analyze it. Further information from this subcommittee will be presented at the next meeting

D. Hotel/ Airport Paratransit – David had talked to a number of hotels and found there was no paratransit from airports to hotels. He did find one that called Starkey if the guest made arrangements ahead of time. This hotel does pay a substantial amount for the service though. David would like to figure out a way for hotels to get together to get one or two vans in service for airport transit. Hotels could pay a membership fee to have access to paratransit services. Someone would have to administer this process. Also suggested - Paratransit providers could be on a list of rotating services for hotels instead of hotels buying and maintaining a van.

E. Identification of Subcommittees & Subcommittee Goals - We have a parking committee which has not been active for a while. Transportation committee has had problems with people not showing up. There is also a Communication committee. Are these committees necessary anymore? We now have the emergency communications committee as sort of an ad hoc committee.

David asked if we had any suggestions on committees. Jay suggested that we look at the last couple of agendas to and see what type of subcommittees we need and then get to the point where the subcommittees do the substantial work and report back to this committee.

Jerry suggested setting up an action committee with people of authority on it while the subcommittees were responsible for oversight of specific things, such as transition plan implementation.

Steve said that would be ideal but probably not the most effective, due to the large number of projects involved. David said the Council has adopted the Transition plan and now it is up to staff to implement.

He wants everyone to step up to get things done if we change our format to rely more on committee work.

How do we get to the point of things being implemented? We have a full time coordinator at the County which is something we are lacking at the City. The City has given us technical expertise but hasn't given us the full time coordinator. We may need to go to the City to give input.

## **VI. Updates**

A. County Website Presentation next month

B. City Library & Airport Presentation next month

C. Mid-America All Indian Center Update – Wait on this update

## **VII. Public Comment**

The boundless playground is fenced in. Parents believed that the gate would be closed at all times and their kids would be able to stay in the whole time. In reality kids do not always close the gate so parents are to be responsible for kids and where they go. Some parents are upset and this issue may possibly end up at this committee or elsewhere.

Question for Charles: On the APS – thirty days would be a good testing period. What would be a good projected date for the test period? Charles said that the test could begin in a few weeks and the test would be completed in 6 weeks or mid-October.

The next meeting will be:  
Wednesday, September 24, 2008  
9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Independent Living Resource center  
3033 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

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