

WICHITA—SEDGWICK COUNTY ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Envision, 610 N. Main Street, Wichita, KS 67202
10:30—11:30AM

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

David Calvert, Chair
Brian A. Coon
Sanford Alexander
De Eaton
Rick Eberhard
David Gear
Steve Hinds
Grady Landrum

Lori Lawrence
Lindsey Mahoney
Sandy Martz
David Moffett
Valerhy Powers
Susan Robinson
Dr. David Waldie
Shawn Walters

Absent:

Glen Davidson
Jason Gegen
Bob Hamilton
Kenny Hinkle
Ed Koon

Tiffany Nickel
Craig Perbeck
Marty Rothwell
John Sullivan
Nick Taylor

City/County Staff:

Shirley Wilson, Wichita Transit

Guests:

A.J. Boleski, Intrust Bank Arena

Barbara Alexander

- I. **Welcome and Introduction, David Calvert, Chair**
- II. **Meeting Minutes** – There were no changes to the July meeting minutes. Minutes approved as emailed.
- III. **Agenda Building** – Intrust Bank Arena update will be discussed earlier on the agenda since A.J. Boleski is here with an update.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Committee Reports: None. No APS committee meeting for September.
 - b. Discuss Transportation Appeals Committee Issue – Ride scheduling concerns. A committee meeting is planned for later this week (Bob Hamilton to schedule – absent today due to death in family). Shirley Wilson is welcome and invited to attend the transportation appeals committee, but will not serve as a committee member. There was discussion about the previous disbanding of the transportation committee, and whether this committee will be related to appeals only. It was discussed that it will be a transportation committee focused on transportation appeals prevention (basically on resolving issues pro-actively before they reach the appeals process). Brian Coon reported that he has received letters initiating the appeals process, but generally the concerns are resolved before reaching the appeals committee.
- V. **Updates: Intrust Bank Arena**
 - a. A.J. Boleski updated that they switched to a new system over the summer that allows online ticket purchasing. He clarified that the website is tickets.com; the brand name is Select-a-seat, which SMG operates on Sedgwick County’s behalf. A.J. brought four examples from the website. The site currently says, “Click here for real-time ADA/handicap seating.” Accessible seats can be purchased at all pricing levels. They are working on adding the international symbol for accessibility (wheelchair symbol) next to the link. Per feedback from the WSCAAB, the text will be revised to include the wheelchair symbol and say, “Click here for real-time ADA accessible seating.” Individuals can purchase one ADA seat and up to three companion seats. The ADA seats are designed for wheelchairs, but people with other disabilities may use them as well (ex. – someone who can’t do steps). They are currently working on how to offer additional tickets in near-by areas for people who require more than 4 tickets. ProVenue is the name of their ticketing system. A.J. reported that the Independent Living Resource Center is also working with the arena to offer sensitivity training to all arena staff. Lindsey Mahoney and A.J. reported on some ADA trainings they’ve attended, and about the changes to regulations for how people sell and re-sell tickets. People with disabilities may re-sell their tickets, so it is possible that the accessible seat will be occupied by someone who does not have a disability. This is permitted under the regulations, and the venue can’t ask or question people, as long as the initial ticket was purchased appropriately. A.J. reported they only had one event last year (Carrie Underwood) where they

reached capacity in the ADA seating areas. Some recent changes related to lighting/spotlights will add additional capacity, and also ensure lighting does not obstruct seats. The board thanked A.J. for his updates and attention to accessibility issues.

- b. David Calvert reported on a complaint he received related to the Music Theater of Wichita, where a person had season tickets for an accessible seat. The individual was told that they can't transfer the seat to another person for an event he/she could not attend. He will look into the new regulations further.

VI. Old Business

- a. Update on appointments to Wichita Transit Advisory Board: David Calvert reported that he made a mistake in appointing George Harris to the board last year since he is not a WSCAAB member. David appointed Shawn Walters as the WSCAAB appointee. Sanford Alexander will be appointed by a City Council member. David suggested Susan work to get George appointed by the paratransit committee.
- b. Report on meeting with consultants concerning Transportation Summit: Mike Vincent met at length with the consultants to discuss the summit feedback. Consultants said they've historically had trouble getting feedback from the disability community, and this is the best information they've ever received. Another meeting is planned with the consultants. Susan encouraged the board to continue to be vocal to help promote community buy-in, as it will be tough.

VII. New Business

- a. Determine date for November meeting: 11/16/11
- b. Feedback on "Disability Awareness" Training for Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts: Brian Coon provided information on his training series for scouts (draft copy of PowerPoint distributed prior to meeting). This will be used for scouts to obtain a new (2009) merit badge for Disabilities Awareness. The idea is to make this training available nationally, so Brian is seeking feedback/comment from the group. Members described the training as awesome, and were very impressed. This will be a 3-hour training, and also will include a visit to a disability organization (ex. – his group toured Envision). Brian described that he's put about 35 – 40 hours into the project, but expects 60 – 70 hours to complete. The group will share additional comments with Brian via email.
 - i. It was shared that ILRC also offers sensitivity training, including a 6-hour course. They can tailor it to specific needs such as HR, businesses, etc.

VIII. Updates

- a. City Update: Brian Coon updated that he's working on the parking lot striping ordinance with David Calvert. Hope to have more information at next meeting. The 2005 settlement agreement requires a striping ordinance, and Brian, Jay, and David have spent a lot of time on it. Grady Landrum asked what makes it so difficult. Brian described the details of OCI vs. Public Works jurisdiction and conflict over public vs. private lots. There are some blurred lines about where

public works employees can go. OCI and the ADA Coordinator don't currently have "authority" to require someone to fix it.

- b. County Updates: Lindsey Mahoney
 - i. Diversity Training Series: Invisible Voices Film about disability and then an employee dialog – 9/28/11, 1:30 - 5:00pm, HR Training Room (3rd Floor Historic Courthouse, 510 N. Main) – WSCAAB invited to attend.
 - ii. Lake Afton Observatory - project complete. Please feel free to visit: Astronomy Day (Free) 10/1/11, 3pm – 10pm:
http://webs.wichita.edu/lapo/Programs/2011/Astronomy_Day.htm
 - iii. Storm shelters at Lake Afton Park are currently out for bid.
 - iv. Received bids back for ADA fishing dock (\$53,500) – at Board of County Commission (BoCC) today, right now – Lindsey reviewed the project, and added that Ron Holt is helping to present it at BoCC today.
 - v. Moving COMCARE homeless program to more accessible location (402 E. 2nd) – will have more ADA parking available.
 - vi. Kansas African American Museum – in design – Ramp on south side of building; historic building.
 - vii. City/County review of Sheriff's Training Center – Making plans to address together, but there are also plans to leave this facility and build a new one (in CIP).

IX. Public Comment

- i. Discussion occurred about traffic signals and a reduction in fuel costs and safety increases that can occur from synchronization.
- ii. A question was asked about long term improvements at Cow Town. Long term improvements are planned due to flood control and water control. Brian Coon started reviewing plans for ADA compliance, and told them they needed to add a 6' ramp to a gazebo. He hasn't heard back since then.
- iii. Parking signage. Grady Landrum questioned if additional signage could be added to ADA parking signs stating the fines someone will receive for parking illegally. Brian Coon suggested following the MUTCD signs exactly, as this is what the City uses/enforces. He will send this link.
- iv. The group also discussed the changes to tornado warnings that have been on the news. Several members thought there was a need for change to help explain the level of threat, but it was recognized that this is a challenging issue as threats can quickly change.

X. Adjournment