

WICHITA—SEDGWICK COUNTY ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Envision
610 N. Main Street, Wichita, KS
10:00—11:30AM

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

David Calvert, Chair
Sanford Alexander
Rick Eberhard
David Gear
Bob Hamilton
Steve Hinds
Ed Koon

Grady Landdrum
Lori Lawrence
David Moffett
Craig Perbeck
John Sullivan
David Waldie
Shawn Walters

Absent:

Jay Hinkel, City of Wichita
Mike Pepoon, SG County
Glen Davidson
De Eaton
Jason Gegen
Kenny Hinkle

Sandy Martz
Tiffany Nickel
Valerhy Powers
Susan Robinson
Marty Rothwell
Nick Taylor

City/County Staff:

Brian A. Coon, City of Wichita
Lindsey Mahoney, SG County
Migwi Karugu, City of Wichita

Rick Shellenbarger, SG County
Shirley Wilson, City of Wichita

Guests:

Judy Stengel

I. Welcome and Introduction, David Calvert, Chair

The meeting began at 10:00 AM

II. Meeting Minutes

It was noted that there was a spelling error in the March minutes. They should be corrected to say “Ottaway Amusements.” Steve Hinds moved to approve the March 28, 2012, minutes, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Sanford Alexander. Motion approved.

III. Agenda Building

Skipped.

IV. Consent Agenda

Accepted the APS committee report. The name of the APS Committee was changed to the Pedestrian Safety Committee. The name of the Transportation Appeals Committee was changed to the General Transportation Committee.

V. Items Carried Over from March Meeting (had been deferred due to time)

a. Citizen raised issue: Service Animals and Apartments.

Lindsey Mahoney explained that a citizen had requested to speak to this board regarding issues he experienced when trying to find apartments due to having a service animal (stating that he was finding apartments not willing to rent to him). He was invited to attend the meeting, but is not present. It is understood that the individual may be working through other methods such as Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to resolve the complaint.

b. Citizen raised issue: Disability Parking Fees.

Lindsey Mahoney explained that a citizen had called both her and David Calvert regarding concerns with charging fees for disability parking in lots. He suggested to Lindsey that parking should be free, as people with disabilities and injured veterans frequently do not have enough money to pay parking fees. Lindsey suggested he bring the issue to this board. He had stated to Lindsey that he is also contacting legislators in Topeka. This concern was referred to the parking committee to examine the logic behind parking meters and time limits.

c. Curb Ramps / Detectable Warning Surfaces

New 2010 standards to ADAAG have changed how detectable warnings at curb ramps and hazardous vehicular areas are handled. They became effective 3/15/12. On a particular site, the 2010 ADA Standards apply. They no longer require detectable warnings at these areas. Other guidelines apply to public rights of way, and will be handled by the Department of Transportation. Final Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) have not been issued by USDOT.

Sanford noted that the vision impaired community fought for twenty years for the detectable warning surfaces, as curb ramps eliminate a barrier between pedestrians and traffic that was previously not detectable by individuals with vision impairments. David Moffett noted that Target and Cabela's both have detectable warning surfaces.

Steve Hinds moved, seconded by Sanford Alexander, that detectable warning surfaces be continued in hazardous vehicle areas and on curb ramps. Brian and Lindsey are to examine necessary steps at City and County to continue to require such surfaces by local code. Motion passes.

VI. New Business

Craig Perbeck reported on the study group. 211 is only as good as info provided to them. This group will continue to meet. It may be necessary to consider our duties as a board, and possibly amend them to include public information/education. One idea suggested was to coordinate with the Education Committee to develop different fact sheets on various topics. Members discussed that service animals, pedestrian safety, accommodations, etc. could be considered. Fact sheets could also be shared for neighborhood newsletters. More consideration of this issue will occur as we review operating policies at an upcoming meeting.

The meeting time was discussed. It has been asked if we could consider alternating morning to afternoon meetings every other month. It was discussed that this may cause confusion.

The striping ordinance has not yet been adopted. David Waldie moved and Steve Hinds seconded that it be adopted with "all deliberate speed." Motion passed.

Wichita Transit's West Side Connector will be discussed at the next transit advisory board meeting at 6:30 PM on April 30, 2012, in the City Council chamber. Shirley Wilson passed out a notice and described the proposed changes.

Discussion on tornado shelters and accessibility. A few calls have been received from citizens regarding the locations of accessible tornado shelters. City of Wichita and Sedgwick County do not provide public tornado shelters as part of their programs/services. Accessible tornado shelters do exist at Lake Afton Park; however, these are intended for park guests and not intended for people to travel out to Lake Afton in a storm. Citizens are encouraged to plan in advance, and contact neighbors/churches/etc. nearby to have a plan in place near their home.

VII. Old Business

David Calvert wrote a letter to the City regarding the taxi ordinance. He hasn't heard back.

Accommodations for students with disabilities – follow up from January meeting. Tiffany was going to work on this with Deborah Hinkel.

VIII. Updates

City ADA Updates – defer to next meeting due to time.

County ADA Updates – defer to next meeting due to time.

Joint City/County ADA training for contractors and architects on 5/24/12.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 24, 2010, from 10:00 to 11:30AM at Envision.