Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board Meeting Attendance and Minutes for March 22, 2017 Envision Basement Meeting Room, 610 N. Main 10:00 a.m.

Mr. David Calvert, Chair

Brian Powers

Present Voting Members Sanford Alexander, III

David Calvert Steven Walters Shawn Walters Dr. Brian Coon Lesa Lank Crissy Magee

Ed Koon Tiffany Nickel Dr. David Waldie **Bob Hamilton** Mike Thompson Craig Perbeck Lori Lawrence Grady Landrum Steve Hinds Randy Roebuck **Absent Voting Members** Glen Davidson De Eaton Joann Hartig Nick Taylor Mike Thompson (excused) Roman Rodriguez Deb Wetta Lorien Showalter (excused) Jason Gegen (excused) Luke Newman (excused)

City/County Staff Present (Non-Voting Members)

Jay Hinkel	Patricia Parker	Jan Hunt
	Deb Zavala	

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Mr. David Calvert, Chair of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board called the meeting to order. Mr. Calvert welcomed the group and asked for self-introductions to continue proceeding around the room. Deb Zavala, Sedgwick County Management Intern, announced that Sedgwick County website has been updated with approved minutes added to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board's place; this had previously contained an updated roster of members, a yearly schedule, and the Board's bylaws.

II. **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Minutes from February 2017 meeting of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board Sanford Alexander moved that the February 2017 meeting minutes be approved, seconded by Bob Hamilton. The motion passed unanimously, 18–0.

III. **New Business**

A. Delano District - Brian Coon, ADA Coordinator, City of Wichita

Mr. David Calvert, Chair of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board, revealed a complaint he has received regarding front entrance accessibility for two businesses within the Delano District in Wichita. There is not alternative access for entrance to either business. Mr. Calvert has written a letter to both businesses confronting this issue. He also advised that there are not any accessible parking spaces nearby, in the Delano District area. Brian Coon, ADA Coordinator, City of Wichita, has recently visited these locations and has identified parking stalls requiring ADA availability. He thinks he has some good solutions to address the subject matter with a total of at least ten stalls undergoing modification. The costs involved have been approved by the City, yet still require Delano District final approval.

Mr. Calvert brought up a recent discussion he had regarding MABCD with reference to bars. He talked about the inaccessible features located within certain establishments in the Delano area. more specifically, the tabletop eating areas and countertops located at bars in the district. The structures need to be lowered for adequate accessibility and the discussion addressed standards that are relevant to equivalent heights of normal dining tables. The newer version of standards (2010) leaves out specific equivalence language. He looked into the problem with a consulting company on the east coast while researching this topic. Jay Hinkle, City of Wichita Department of Law spoke with this same company. They advised that there are not any specific standards on the matter unless the bar is separate from the eating area; or if the bar is relatively small then one table is sufficient. Mr. Calvert reached out to Marsha Mazz, Director of the Office of Technical and Information Services for the U.S. Access Board in Washington, DC. She addressed this issue by sending an email with an article related to this. Recent building plans had been submitted and approved with the old standards of the past. Yet from a City's enforcement standpoint, it may be in their best interest if they do not require any modifications from the approved plans, but also do not enforce a fine for not meeting ADA requirements. However, moving forward, newer standards need enforced, maintaining accessible elements with firm ADA qualifications met. Mr. Calvert would like the Board to consider advising on such standards for eating areas. He would like to see recommendations made to the City, which has the ability to adopt ordinances requiring additional access meeting ADA standards.

B. Certificate of Appreciation – David Calvert, Chair

Mr. David Calvert advised the Board that they should have some standards established for issuing Certificate of Appreciation honors. Discussion followed suggesting detailed lists with ADA accessibility checkpoints such as parking, restrooms, aisles, etc. as a qualification for any business or organization being nominated. Other topics mentioned having any recommendations of a business brought forth to the Board and for nominations to be held by Access Board members only. The present procedure, recognizing nominees by Board members on special occasions such as the present method of recognition, is what would be preferred. Mr. Calvert stated that he would like to achieve good publicity from issuing this certificate. Dr. David Waldie agreed to draft standards, with the help of Dr. Brian Coon.

Carlee Wunderlich, Costco's Wichita warehouse manager and Trey Mohamed, membership manager, were both present to accept the Certificate of Appreciation at today's meeting. Ms. Wunderlich spoke of her passion, combined with Costco's, of fully serving people from both inside and outside of the organization; this is what fulfills Costco and they are pleased to partner with W/SCAAB and discover ways to do that better. Sedgwick County ran the story on both social media sites, which may be accessed via the following links: https://twitter.com/SedgwickCounty/status/844585464896110592 https://businessfacebook.com/sedgwickcounty/posts/10154261699851960

IV. Old Business

A. City of Wichita Accessible Parking enforcement update – Brian Coon announced the Accessible Parking Program training is underway.

B. Pedestrian Safety Transportation update – Craig Perbeck stated that the Committee talked about the City's plans of possibly bringing back Q-line, a free trolley shuttle service.

V. <u>Adjourn</u> - Having being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.