

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board
Wednesday, Aug 22, 2018
Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2nd St N.
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Brian Coon	Bob Hamilton	Michael Fessinger	Crissy Magee
Ed Koon	Brian Powers	Steven Walters	Dorsha Kirkshey
Craig Perbeck	Michael Fowler	Sanford J. Alexander, III	Lisa Vayda
Mike Tann (LaTishia Darnell)		Sean Beebe	

Voting Members Absent

Luke Newman	Mike Thompson	Jason Gegen	Tiffany Nickle
David Calvert	Lesa Lank	Grady Landrum	Brian Held
Dr. David Waldie	Jane Otis	Clark Stevens	Randy Roebuck
Nancy Duling	Rick Rader	Jason Gregen	

City/County Staff Present (Non-Voting Members)

David Perricone	Will Deer	Migwi Karugu
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I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions – Craig Perbeck
Craig opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance. All in attendance introduced themselves and which organization, city council, or county commissioner they represent.

II. Meeting Minutes
A. July 2018 meeting minutes – Sanford made a motion to amend the minutes under section III, B:
“Sanford noted that the Naftzger park discussions were helpful to the designers.”
Amended to:
“Sanford noted that the designers told him that the Naftzger park discussions were helpful.”
Steven Walters made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business
A. **Sedgwick County Park ADA Improvements – Valerie Kaster**
Valerie Kaster of Sedgwick County Project Services updated the board on the plans to make ADA improvements to Sedgwick County Park. The projects includes 15 new ADA accessible parking spaces, 2 new areas with access and clearance for 7 news benches, 18 new accessible picnic benches, 11 new accessible grills, multiple new accessible paths and upgraded old paths.

Craig asked if there were any plans to upgrade the restrooms. Valerie stated that many of the restrooms have been upgraded, but she did not have exact numbers or any further details available at the moment.

B. Crosswalk Safety Issue – Charley Davidson

Charley Davidson of Wichita PD introduced himself and stood for questions or comments regarding crosswalk safety. Craig explained that drivers are not yielding to pedestrians at crosswalks with signage, particularly in the downtown area. Charley and Craig discussed possible public education options. Charley suggested a public service announcement that could be broadcast via social media and city channel 7 to raise awareness.

Charley also updated the board on the accessible parking space enforcement efforts. Wichita PD has a program that trains citizens to take photos of vehicles parked illegally in accessible stalls; citations can be written from that evidence. Applications and further details can be found at <http://www.wichita.gov/WPD/Pages/APP.aspx>

Craig asked if the PD had noticed any instances of people misusing their accessible parking placards by reporting their placard lost, receiving a replacement, and then giving the old placard to friends or family. Charley stated he had not heard of any problems with that locally.

Sanford brought up 3 major issues that blind travelers are facing:

- 1) Drivers do not stop and look before turning right on red.
- 2) Bicyclists are difficult to hear and they do not do a good job following the rules of the road, in general.
- 3) Double protected turn lanes result in driver's making sweeping right turns that are dangerous

Crissy Magee asked if citizens who report a violation via the Accessible Parking Program will have to go to court. Charley and Craig confirmed that they do.

Bob Hamilton asked Charley what his thoughts were on an incident in Florida wherein an altercation over an accessible stall escalated to a shooting. Charley stated he was not familiar with the particular incident but advised that it is generally wiser to call law enforcement or utilize the Accessible Parking Program rather than get into an unpredictable confrontation.

Lisa Vayda asked if the Accessible Parking Program was tied into the Parking Mobility App that is used nationwide. Charley answered that it was not at this time.

C. Naftzger Park Update – Andrew Jordan

Andrew introduced himself and presented the latest design plans, contrasting them with previous and alternative plans. Future possibilities include a tactile and/or audio map of the park. The bus shelter will also need to be redesigned.

Sanford asked about contrast for low vision citizens at key points like steps, pylons, and the skim fountain. Andrew stated that there will be a curb around the fountain for detectability.

Craig noted that the ramps, instead of the steps, seem to be the traffic focal point in the design, with the ramps more aligned with the crosswalks. Andrew confirmed that the steps are meant to be a secondary feature

Craig asked if the Naftzger Park sign would be designed in such a way that it will be easily detected by low vision citizens with a cane. Andrew answered that the letters are tightly spaced and the designers are still looking into other options to make the sign has detectable as possible.

Craig asked if the park was going to be part grass and part turf. Andrew confirmed that the half of the park closest to the stage is going to be turf and the other half would be grass.

Lisa asked why there were no restrooms in the design. Andrew explained that the City prefers to bring in restrooms for events rather than pay for maintenance on public bathrooms.

LaTishia Darnell asked Andrew to elaborate on the bus shelter design issue. Andrew explained that the solution is still in progress but that goal is to have a bus shelter that is less visually distracting than what is in the current design.

Migwi Karugu commented that they old gazebo has been relocated to a different and that maintenance on public restrooms has been a big problem for the city.

D. Detectable Warning Surface Placement – Dr. Brian Coon

Brian explained to the board that the city has been looking into the placement of detectable warning surfaces (DWS). They are trying to pull the DWS back from the curb in places to make them line up with the crosswalk.

Craig asked if this was just going to be on certain street corners, based on financial feasibility. Brain confirmed this is correct. It will allow a person to cue off the orientation of the DWS, as opposed to the 45 degree placement that tends to direct people into the intersection.

Laura Delcambre asked if this meant the city was going to put in domes that will help a person get a straight alignment with the crosswalk. Brain confirmed this is correct.

Sanford reminded the board that the 45 degree radial drops were visually disorientating for people in wheelchairs as well.

Sanford asked if there was a way to detect the difference between the new and old DWS. Brian answered that there should be cues from the domes and the sound of traffic.

Craig said that he would send out the visuals of the new DWS placement via email.

IV. Old Business - none

V. Public Comments – none

VI. Adjourn – Library Tour Conducted

The next meeting of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 10am in the Envision basement conference room, 610 N. Main.