

**Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board**  
**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
**Envision Basement Conference Room, 610 N. Main**  
**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Voting Members Present**

David Calvert	Dr. Brian Coon (Lee Carmichael)	Bob Hamilton	
Jane Otis	Ronald Tracy	Dorsha Kirksey	Raven Alexander
Crissy Magee	Michael Fowler	Rick Rader	Nancy Duling
Craig Perbeck	Steven Walters	Sanford J. Alexander, III	Dr. David Waldie
Clark Stevens			

**Voting Members Absent**

Tiffany Nickle	Grady Landrum	Ed Koon	Randy Roebuck
Brian Powers	Sean Beebe	Lisa Vayda	

**City/County Staff Present (Non-Voting Members)**

David Perricone      Valerie Kaster

- 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.      November 2018 meeting minutes. Motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously with minor amendments to show Clark Stevens and Dr. David Waldie as present.
- III.      New Business
- A.      **Sedgwick County Park ADA Upgrades – Valerie Kaster**  
Valerie stated that the county transition plan will be posted on the county website in the near future. She then walked the board through the park upgrades and related drawings.
- The current plan is the 3<sup>rd</sup> package of ADA upgrades to the park.
  - Upon completion, the ADA transition for the park will be complete.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> packages were also reviewed.
  - The package includes contact information for key personnel, bench product information, transition plan keys, and a drawing set of upgrades.

Craig stated that he noticed a lot of work going on at the park and encouraged the board to go to the park after the work is completed and provide feedback, especially positive feedback to elected officials.

Valerie stated that in the future she will attempt to review drawings and plans with the board before the projects start.

**B. Sedgwick County Division of Aging Transportation Program – Dorsha Kirksey**

Dorsha explained the various types of transportation programs available in the county.

- Funding sources include:
  - Mill levy
  - Older Americans Act
  - KDOT
  - Federal Transit Administration
- All rides originate outside the city limits of Wichita.
- Rural Transportation Program
  - General Public
  - By appointment 24hrs to 7 days in advance
  - Rides originate from:
    - Andale
    - Bentley
    - Cheney
    - Clearwater
    - Colwich
    - Garden Plain
    - Mount Hope
    - City of Sedgwick
    - Viola
    - Peck
  - The county has 4 drivers and 7 vehicles to provide riders during business hours
  - The county contracts with taxi companies for afterhours transportation
- Mill Levy Program
  - Adults age 60 and older
  - Persons with a certified disability
  - Rides originate from:
    - Bel Aire
    - Derby
    - Goddard
    - Haysville
    - Kechi
    - Maize
    - Mulvane (Sedgwick County side only)

Jay: Does a person with a cognitive disability qualify? Yes

Craig: The rider has to be able to ride independently or with an attendant  
Dorsha: Correct, and that attendant can ride free.

- The rides cost \$3 one way
- Up to 3 guest can also ride with advanced notice
- Guest are also charged \$3 per ride
- Riders purchase a “ride card” that is punched for each ride. Guests are charged by way of an additional punch on the ride card.
- 5310 Program
  - Medical and Social Service Trips.
  - Rides originate from:
    - Kechi
    - Valley Center
    - Maize
    - Goddard
    - Haysville
    - Derby
    - Mulvane
    - Bel Aire
    - Park City
    - Schulte
    - Furley
- For more information on all programs or for applications call 316-660-5150 or [www.sedgwickcounty.org/transporation](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/transporation)

Sanford: Do you provide rides that are not destined for Wichita?

Dorsha: No, all rides start outside Wichita and go into Wichita.

Bob: There is a return trip?

Dorsha: Yes.

- RSVP Program
  - Rides given by volunteers, but coordinated by Sedgwick County Division of Aging.
  - Rides Originate from:
    - Bentley
    - Clearwater
    - Mount Hope
    - Mulvane
    - Park City
    - Valley Center
- Caregiver Program
- Partnership with Reno County
  - For residents in Reno County
  - Reno County will provide transportation to Mount Hope, where Sedgwick County will pick them up and bring them into Wichita.
  - Return trip takes the reverse route

Sanford: How do you coordinate transfer points between the two counties and Para transit?

Dorsha: The main challenge is meeting the window for Para Transit or a fixed route. Our drivers will not leave until the transfer is complete.

Sandford: Is there a fixed drop off point?

Dorsha: The drop off point is decided based on the ultimate destination.

- Partnership with McConnell
  - In the process of getting drivers base access so riders are not left at the gate.

### **C. Scooters in Wichita – Craig Perbeck**

Craig briefed the board on trends in regulation of scooters across the country. There is no consistency at this time, but it is becoming increasingly likely that we will see these scooters in Wichita soon. Craig had a conversation with Scott Wadle (City of Wichita) wherein Scott said they were starting to solicit feedback on the issue from the citizen advisory boards. Craig advised the board members to begin researching the topic. We will try to get Scott on the February agenda.

Sanford: Too many bicycles and scooter operators disregard pedestrians. Also, they do not make noise, which makes it particularly difficult for the visually impaired to avoid them. The scooters are going to present a similar set of issues as the bicycles do.

Dave C: Is the city following the ADA and other liability cases currently being considered in California?

Craig: I believe the city is aware, and we will send those concerns to Scott Wadle.

Ron: Who is liable? Do you have to carry insurance to ride the scooters? New York considers them motor vehicles.

Craig: Each state seems to classify them differently. Kansas has some regulation on electric bikes.

Ron: Called Topeka. They said there were no laws on the books. It is left to city ordinance.

Craig: Wichita should be the best practice leader on this issue.

Jay: The scooter companies have found a niche where there is no current regulation. They are disrupters, much like Uber. These kinds of companies gain an advantage in size such that they can gain public support opposing regulation. Scooters in particular are inexpensive to the point of being disposable and require no easement or docking stations. In other cities, they litter the sidewalk.

Craig: If we can get our questions to Scott Wadle ahead of the February meeting, it will make his presentation go more smoothly and our questions will be answered faster

Dave C: Are any of these scooters accessible?

Craig: No

Ron: They should at least require a docking station

David W: Don't the mobility scooters fall under the existing regulation? They seem to have the same issues.

Dave C: Those have special protection under state law and ADA.

**D. Wichita Riverfront Baseball Stadium – Craig Perbeck**

A small group of board members met with the planners and owner representatives to look at the plans for the new baseball stadium. There is a draft plan in place:

- Four entrances, with the main entrance coming off of McLean
- Sunken Bowl design
- 10,000 available viewing spots
- 5,200 stadium seats
- Standing room tickets
- Stadium footprint will be larger, taking up a lot of the parking space.
  - Bowl design pushes everything out farther - Concession areas, concourse, administration offices
  - Walkway bridge over the river to give access to parking near the Hyatt
  - Handicap parking and drop-off/pick up points are being considered

Sandford: They had more representation at the meeting than we did and they were asking good questions. The parking is a major concern. We did not talk about relief areas for service dogs. They have expressed an intention to be as consumer responsive as possible. They have also looked at the successes and failures of the Arena. They are on a tight schedule. They have to have grass growing 6 months before opening day, which is late April 2020.

Jay: The plan is grow the grass to the required specifications then scrape off the turf and lay it on the field when the stadium is ready.

Craig: They have a consultant with ADA experience at the federal level who seemed very knowledgeable. We discussed audio and visual plans.

Ron: Are they going to close McLean?

Jay: Preliminary plans seem to indicate commercial development between the river and McLean. McLean will probably become one lane each direction. The pedestrian bridge will probably drop down into the entry plaza or just across the river so people will have to walk through the commercial development.

Nancy: There is a meeting tonight at the library to discuss the baseball stadium design. 630-8pm

Dave C: The best entrance in terms of accessibility is on the west side.

Michael: Why was there no interpreter at the ballpark meeting?

Craig: We did discuss things like closed captioning and enhanced audio aids, but the finer details have not been discussed yet.

IV. Old Business

**A. Board Roster and Schedule – Dave Perricone**

An updated roster and 2019 schedule will be posted on the county website. There were no corrections or exceptions made to the current roster or schedule.

V. Other

VI. Public Comments

VII. Adjourn

The next meeting of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Envision basement conference room, 610 N. Main.