

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board
Wednesday, April 24th, 2019
Envision Basement Conference Room, 610 N. Main
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Voting Members Present

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| Bob Hamilton | Jane Otis | Dave Calvert | Sanford J. Alexander, III |
| Brian Powers | Dr. David Waldie | Craig Perbeck | Lisa Vayda |
| Crissy Magee | Michael Fowler | Rick Rader | Clark Stevens |
| Raven Alexander | Steven Walters | Sean Beebe | |

Voting Members Absent

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| Tiffany Nickle | Grady Landrum | Dorsha Kirksey | Randy Roebuck |
| Brian Held | Ronald Tracy | Nancy Duling | Ed Koon |

City/County Staff Present (Non-Voting Members)

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| David Perricone | Donte Martin | 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. March 2018 meeting minutes. Clarifying comment by Dave Calvert on Other. Item 5: Dave has had contact with McConnell AFB, but no resolution has yet come about. Motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.
- III. New Business
A. City ADA Coordinator Vacant Position – Dave Calvert
1. Brain Coon is no longer employed by the city
 2. Assistant City Manager Donte Martin is seeking the WSCAAB's advice regarding qualifications for a replacement ADA coordinator.
 - (i) A draft write up of city ADA coordinator qualifications was distributed to board members for their review. The intent is to provide formal input to the city.
 - (ii) Dave Calvert and Sanford Alexander provided a brief history of the WSCAAB's origins, relationship with the city/county, and the ADA Coordinator's role in ADA progress.
 3. Donte expressed appreciation for the collaborative relationship between the board and the city. He acknowledged the challenge the city faces in finding a replacement with Brian's many qualifications. Donte assured the board that the

city will continue to listen and be responsive to the needs of the ADA community and that he will fill that role while the search for ADA coordinator is in progress.

(i) Craig asked Donte to check on the curb cuts between the Reagan Building and City Hall. They do not meet ADA compliance.

(ii) Sanford explained that the ADA coordinator and other members of the WSCAAB do not represent themselves, they represent others. It is sometimes necessary for representatives to be adversarial within their own organizations.

a. Sanford asked Donte if he could give the disabled community assurance that the change in the ADA position was not the result of actions taken in pursuit of the disabled community's needs.

b. Donte stated he was not privy to the details of Brian's departure from the city.

c. Jay added that the question seeks protected personnel information and that the City should not answer. Brian himself could answer the question if he chose to.

d. Craig stated that ADA coordinator needs to have the ability to tell his or her own boss that when they are not in compliance with ADA without fear of ramifications.

e. Donte answered that he and the City Manager understand the need for that kind of open dialogue and gave assurances that the ADA coordinator will be allowed to do their job without fear of retaliation.

(iii) Bob asked Donte about the salary structure for the position

a. The position that is open is that of Traffic Engineer. The ADA Coordinator may or may not be the Traffic Engineer.

4. Bob Hamilton asked about ways to ensure the city commits the appropriate amount of resources into the ADA Coordinator search.

5. Craig recommended board members appointed by elected officials get in touch with those officials to voice their concerns.

6. Motion to appoint Dave Calvert head of a subcommittee to draft a formal recommendation to the city regarding the ADA coordinator position qualifications and to impress upon the city the importance of the position made by Brian Powers. Motion seconded by Bob Hamilton. Motion passed unanimously.

(i) Sanford, Crissy, Michael, and Craig all volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

(ii) Subcommittee will meet, draft the letter, and vote on it during the next meeting.

(iii) Dave will solicit input from board members during throughout month individually.

(iv) Crissy stated that the new ADA Coordinator needs to be certified (or become certified within a reasonable time period after hiring).

7. Craig tabled further discussion until the end of the meeting

B. Ballpark and Accessible Parking Plan – Craig Perbeck

1. There could be 5,000 – 6,000 vehicles parking for events at the ballpark, 400 of which will actually be near the stadium. We still do not know how many of those 400 spots will be accessible. The ADA minimum would be 8 for 400 spots; however, most of the parking is going to be further away from the stadium. Craig asked what recommendations the board should make to the city:

- (i) The number of ADA spots available near the venue should be calculated based on the total number of parking spots the venue uses.
 - (ii) Determine where the pedestrian bridge will be because it can more easily tie the accessible parking to the stadium.
 - 2. Jay explained that the parking situation is not yet set. Jay is the attorney working on the project. His intention is go beyond ADA requirements.
 - (i) The architects are about 55% complete on the design; parking is not yet on their immediate agenda. Prospective plans are in place.
 - (ii) The owners pushed for separate accessible tunnel and ADA seating at field level.
 - 3. Dave stated that it is possible to designate accessible spots beyond the required minimum without putting in the access aisles according to the Access Board. This could provide some flexibility to turn regular spots into designated spots as needed.
 - 4. Jay stated that some of those 400 spots are going to be reserved to for the team. There may only be 300 public spots.
- C. Transit Advisory Board Update – Sanford Alexander III
 - 1. Wichita Transit is going to transition to all electric buses. The Federal Transit Administration will not sponsor the purchase of any buses that run off diesel after approximately 10 years. There will be 4 new electric buses coming into service shortly and 7 more this fall.
 - 2. The new fare boxes will not integrate into apps or RFID chips. They are simply replacement equipment. Technological integration of fare boxes is a project on the table, but has not started yet.
 - 3. Craig stated that he make a public comment at the Transit Advisory Board concerning bus stops.
 - (i) Some bus stops are just a sign in the grass. They do not provide any cues.
 - (ii) The automated bus stop systems sometimes come on just as the bus is arriving at the stop, which is too late to pull the string.
 - (iii) Both issues are being looked at by a consultant.

IV. Old Business

- A. Update on Library Bus Access – Raven Alexander
 - 1. The original agreement was to let off at the canopy. It was tried for about a week or two before the stop was moved
 - (i) The driveway was too narrow for the bus to get through when there are other vehicles there. The library was not able to keep the stop clear of cars.
 - (ii) Some drivers will still use the old stop when it is clear, some drivers will not.
 - (iii) Wichita Transit will use the original bus stop consistently when the library is able to enforce clearance of the space.
 - a. Sanford stated that the problem with that solution is that visually impaired riders need to know they are getting off at an accessible point for safety. The architects did not listen to the ADA coordinators suggestions that would have avoided the problem in the first place. Now they are going to have to tear out all that concrete and redo it.
 - i. Raven said she thinks that will be the next step, but they are waiting to see what happens with Sycamore and Mclean.

- b. Raven noted that drivers are instructed to make reasonable accommodations for individuals that need to get off at an accessible spot.
 - c. Craig asked Sean Beebe to invite the Library Director to the next meeting.
 - B. Craig asked if anyone had any updates on Naftzger Park.
 - 1. Migwi and Jay said they would investigate and try to have an update at the next meeting.

V. Other

Dave: who will be responsible to pay for the interpreter at the ADA Coordinator Subcommittee meetings?

Craig: The city will be responsible for that since it is a city project.

Lisa Vayda: Do we have any handout or document regarding how to deal with someone illegally parked in an accessible spot?

Craig: Wichita was working on a ticketing program.

Jay: Kansas Truck Mobility makes an informational post-it note to put on the cars that are parked illegally.

VI. City ADA Coordinator Vacant Position Continued – Dave Calvert

- A. Craig invited further input from the board members regarding the draft letter that subcommittee will be working on.
- B. Jay clarified his earlier comment regarding open meeting violations
 - 1. It is perfectly acceptable for any member of the board to send ideas to subcommittee members via email.
 - 2. Subcommittee members can share those ideas among other subcommittee members, but they cannot reply to all.
- C. Dave said he would send out a copy of the current letter via email. Board members can send back their ideas to Dave.
- D. Craig suggested Dave blind copy the board members so that they cannot accidentally reply to all.

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Adjourn

The next meeting of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd at the Envision basement conference room, 610 N. Main.