

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

Voting Members Present

Raven Alexander	Dr. Elvia Barraza	Sean Beebe	Dave Calvert
Michael Fowler	Ed Koon	Grady Landrum	Crissy Magee
Tiffany Nickle	Dee Nighswonger	Craig Perbeck	Brian Powers
Rick Rader	Chris Rea	Clark Stevens	Ronald Tracy
Dr. David Waldie	Steven Walters		

Voting Members Absent

Bob Hamilton	Brian Held	Dorsha Kirksey	Jane Otis
Lisa Vayda	Nancy Duling	Randy Roebuck	

City/County Staff Present (Non-Voting Members)

Taben Azad	Cory Buchta	Jay Hinkel
Jason Janoski	Migwi Karugu	Scot Rigby

- 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. June 2019 meeting minutes. Motion made by Steven Walters, seconded by Sean Beebe. Passed unanimously
- III. New Business
A. City of Wichita Proclamation

Craig Perbeck: City Council passed proclamation yesterday in honor of 29th anniversary of signing of ADA within the city. This is ADA awareness week. Dave, former Chair spoke at the meeting. Dave's comments were sent to everyone by Taben.

Jay Hinkel: In 2004, we were in settlement agreement with Independent Living Center. The intended route for the City to take to satisfy all requirements for facilities resulted in a 17 year plan/scope. City has worked on it and has finished ahead of schedule. Satisfaction and dismissal recognizes that city has met all obligations and has adopted ADA mindfulness as part of culture.

Craig Perbeck: Some of those plans and issues are staying in place. ADA transition plans are living documents. As city expands and looks at new buildings, there is always work to do with oversight on issues with accessibility. Dave also mentioned major projects such as arena/library.

Migwi Karugu: Group has really helped us. City has provided all the funding. MABCD, which is where all the buildings and developments start, has someone who checks that every building is ADA compliant before the issue comes, not just by city but all entities within.

Jay: Under Chris Carrier (former public works director who passed away), we put in a policy that whenever there is a surface work done on street, the perpendicular intersecting curb ramps will

be brought to ADA standards. Money is incorporated into project budget. About 250-300 curb ramps each year have been updated for 12 years now

Ronald Tracy: At Meridian and Pawnee where bricks were, are they ADA compliant?

Jay Hinkel: Concrete is better because of smoothness. In the ramps, sounds like it shouldn't be.

Craig Perbeck: There are removing bricks at crosswalk, change of surface transition still there.

Ronald Tracy: Brick a part of the ADA compliance?

Craig Perbeck: Not across the street. Brick looks like but is not as smooth or durable.

Tiffany Nickle: When you compare Wichita to other large cities, we've done a good job. SO thank you to everyone who has been here.

IV. Old Business

A. City of Wichita – Update New Ballpark and Naftzger Park

Terry Wiggers from Shaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture spoke on ballpark updates:

Terry Wiggers: Just finished 100% bid package. General design is mainly finished. On site plan, all of entries are accessible. Some of streets will be closed during game days. McClean plaza entrance, there is a ramp to get individuals up the concourse. Maple street entrance is the one area with ADA parking and has an elevator. Gray building has team store and museum and has elevators to get you up to those levels. Drop off zones at south entrance are rather large.

Southeast entrance will be exit only initially. Ramp down into the field allows for service vehicles and more during concerts. Multiple handicap seating at tops of bowls

Chris Rea: Going south, how much for flow going to elevator as opposed to ramp?

Terry Wiggers: There isn't a bank of handicap parking; there is more towards drop off.

Nancy: What is size of elevator?

Terry Wiggers: Maybe 8 capacity for wheelchair users. Two elevators but travel isn't too far

Craig Perbeck: Elevator at office building, could you use that to get to concourse?

Terry Wiggers: Yes, there are 2 elevators there as well. In addition to seating, there are banks of restrooms. Multiple family restrooms and adult restrooms with larger table in it.

Craig Perbeck: Will there be more female restrooms?

Terry Wiggers: Yes, per code requirements about double.

Jay: The adult changing station that was briefly described was Craig's idea that was sent to me that I forwarded on. This will be the first ball stadium that will have this.

Terry Wiggers: A lot of instances with people being hit with baseballs, the nets will be about 40 feet to the outfield wall. Safety has been a prevalent issue. Automatic doors to enter into the lobby to access elevators. Party deck, to ways to get there, one is through stairs and the other is through elevators. Has family restroom is that location. Added roof to party deck for shade.

Craig Perbeck: Biggest grief that we will hear is parking. Work being done on McLean and parking on other side is for people who truly need those 8 spots in the drawing. What type of cooperation with transit to get accessible shuttles?

Tiffany Nickle: After you travel, yes we should have some access, but then also, just because we have impairment, doesn't meet you should spend millions for us all to get all this parking.

Scot Rigby: North is Texas alignment along with the church, parking at Monarch will remain and go through redevelopment later. During game time, we will be closing off. Parking will be on south side, we are seeking federal grant to bring commuters in a central location and connecting them to q-line, scooters, and etc. We identify future parking options west of Sycamore between Texas and Maple area. Within quarter mile of ballpark, there are 4000 existing parking spaces. May mean we improve some of the sidewalks. Mike Tann with Wichita Transit is working with us to create circulation of routes to allow buses to pick up.

Jason Janoski: McLean will be closed? Will parking be available during games?

Scot Rigby: Probably not. For circulation, could we find a central location for scooter/bike share.

Chris Rea: The ice arena is okay with us to use their parking?

Scot Rigby: They're looking forward to the increased activity, we have a cooperative agreement.

Grady Landrum: For scooters, are you going to put pads for scooters and bikes?

Terry Wiggers: All three locations have bike or scooter area.

Craig Perbeck: Does McLean have a bike lane?

Scot Rigby: Not sure. Sidewalks in ballpark master plan is either 8 or 10' minimum.

Dr. Elvia Barraza: On adult restrooms, is the table going to be high/low?

Terry Wiggers: One is ADA height to meet their requirements.

Scot Rigby: Top tab of City website, there is a page on ballpark, can also send questions to Jay.

Nafzger Park:

Adam from WDM Architects spoke on Nafzger Park updates:

Adam: Park itself doesn't really change levels, only the outdoor pavilion in addition to a ramp to the stage, only about 2 feet change. Rest of park is one level. We have a small ramp on bottom of site. ADA features of park include picnic tables with an abundance of seating. Water feature is less of a splash pad but a cooling mist.

Craig: On the lower level of the development, are there restaurants there? Are they going to go in and gate in seating to take away from public space?

Adam: All those seats are by that vendor, we have 10 feet offset that is on city property.

Jay: Will the transit stop be staying still?

Adam: Yes, we are changing structure design than typical Douglas Design transit stop.

Nancy: The train track runs aside the building?

Adam: Yes. Park should be done in early to mid-Fall.

Craig: We would like to tour the site, Michael is Chair of subcommittee. Coordinate with Taben. The issue that I have is with the sidewalk quality, usually pushes people out to cracks of the sidewalks.

B. City of Wichita – Recommendations to City of Wichita ADA Coordinator

Grady: What's the update?

Dave: The new settlement agreement, titled as satisfaction and dismissal of proceedings to ensure folks responsible are doing their jobs. The new provision calls for ADA coordinator team, it changes the designation to what it has been. Donte is in charge of the team and is the contact. There is still a search for someone to take Brian's place in the engineering department.

Craig: Our goal is to have someone designated as that ADA coordinator.

V. Other

Nancy: Has wheelchair sports changed name, Grady?

Grady: Wichita Adaptive Sports to include more than just athletes that use wheelchairs, we are working with youth with physical disabilities for example. We have a car show September 14th at 53rd and Meridian at 4 PM. Looking for people with cars to show. A fundraiser and get to know the group, fee to show cars and with prizes.

VI. Public Comments

A. Andrew Crane

Andrew: Talking to Brian Frye on the ADA issue with the bus stop at New Market Square. We might need a sit down meeting because area is not ADA accessible. I've noticed issues on sidewalks and getting public access with scooters. Not good access for people with guide dogs or in wheelchairs to walk. Already a few accidents with scooters

Craig: As I was driving here, there were a few teenagers on scooters on the sidewalk. At the crosswalk, they stopped and waited for light to change. Crossed appropriately, but were on the sidewalk. Is there a way to do more saturation enforcement of current regulations?

Nancy: Media is trying; it has been on news cast.

Craig: Someone said some scooters were at Bradley Fair. Is there a zone issue with them?

Ronald Tracy: Do we give tickets for sidewalk riding? My suggestion is to deny their credit card if they violate code.

Grady: Is there a place to call if there is violating access?

Scot: Not a 911 situation, but you can call the police or go to city website to report an issue.

Police will take note and observe, there is intense education coming out.

Dave: Sandy resigned from this board.

Craig: Will need to look at a replacement from transit board. I will look to see if we can get a representative from blind and visually impaired to sit on this board as well

Scot: On buses at airport, we are looking at Douglas McLean round about. There will not be one at Maple.

Ronald: There has been this problem with the library

Scot: On Sycamore, we will be doing an improvement. Will look at crosswalk at 2nd as well.

VII. Adjourn

The next meeting of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28th at the Envision basement conference room, 610 N. Main.