

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board
Wednesday, August 28th, 2019
Envision Basement Conference Room, 610 N. Main
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Voting Members Present

Raven Alexander	Sean Beebe	Michael Fowler	Dorsha Kirksey
Grady Landrum	Crissy Magee	Dee Nighswonger	Jane Otis
Craig Perbeck	Rick Rader	Chris Rea	Ronald Tracy
Dr. David Waldie	Lisa Vayda		

Voting Members Absent

Dr. Elvia Barraza	Dave Calvert	Nancy Duling	Bob Hamilton
Brian Held	Ed Koon	Tiffany Nickle	Brian Powers
Randy Roebuck	Clark Stevens	Steven Walters	

City/County Staff Present (Non-Voting Members)

Taben Azad	Donte Martin	Jay Hinkel	Jason Janoski
Gary Janzen	Migwi Karugu	Meryl Loop	

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 2019 meeting minutes. Motion made by Craig. Passed unanimously

III. Committee Updates
A. Transit
David Waldie: Have a few copies on the uses of bikes, scooters, parking lots, and etc. Ridership tends to be increasing. New community oriented programs that are low cost.
Jay Hinkel: WSU routes are new now, run from Metroplex to Main, to Old Town Campus, to South Campus. Free to any WSU student. WSU provided a stipend of \$300,000. Transit is keeping track of usage to give back to WSU. There is a WSU representative on the transit board and it is already looking favorable with uses in the thousands in first couple of weeks.
Raven Alexander: Route 21 and 22 was going on beforehand. Additional route was just connecting Metroplex, Main Campus, and South Campus.
David Waldie: Consumer complaint was that there was a scooter left in a bike path. Overall, the acceptance of scooters is relatively good. Funding is the real issue. New representative from this board to the transit needs to be able to really influence City Hall.
Craig Perbeck: Is there anyone here that would be able to attend the Wichita Transit Advisory Board meetings?
Dorsha Kirksey: I would be willing to do that.

B. Building

Craig Perbeck: Last meeting we discussed if we could network with city on the new projects for Nafzger Park and new buildings, seeing if we can tour that area.

Gary Janzen: We can help facilitate that. It's a challenge to be on that site, I can check if something can be done. Is there any other locations?

Craig Perbeck: The ballpark when it gets close to be done. We've been able to tour the library for example to look at the restrooms, signage, and kiosks for access to internet.

Ronald Tracy: Wesley hospital has issues with toilet paper being 12 inch off the ground

Lisa Vayda: Same with Via Christi with hanging the doors a cane, walking stick or purse

Craig Perbeck: Old health department building did not have an ADA accessible restroom. They went in and fixed it eventually after the concern was raised.

C. Ad Hoc

Craig Perbeck: Does anyone know if there were of any other committees that existed outside of transit and building?

David Waldie: Audible pedestrian signals which transferred to pedestrian safety.

Craig Perbeck: Was there an audible signal transition plan?

David Waldie: It was written and reviewed

Migwi Karugu: It wasn't in transition plan, we've been restoring them as required. Once we get a request, we go out there and check. If it is justified, then we go ahead and fix. I think that is still the policy now. It is a need based project. The crosswalks were a part of the street enhancements.

Craig Perbeck: On issues with accessibility and sidewalks?

Migwi Karugu: The ADA number

IV. New Business

A. City of Wichita – ADA Coordinator (Gary Janzen)

Gary Janzen: Former traffic engineer used to be ADA coordinator. We've spent time with Donte and Jay discussing this for the last months. It makes sense the coordinator should be in public works/utilities. One of our challenges from resource perspective, even when Brian Koon was ADA coordinator, was that it took away from him being traffic engineer. Our new traffic engineer, Mike Armour, he was in a position as special projects engineer. We have some capacity in that position to make that person the overall ADA coordinator. I would like for everyone to see the job description. The desired applicant will be a licensed professional engineer with the ability to complete the ADA Coordinator Training Certification Program within a year. We also want to take a step and get our staff more training than they currently have. Within our engineering office, we want our Capital Projects Design Engineer, Assistant Traffic Engineer, and Area Construction Engineer to go through formal training and we are getting them started with that now.

Migwi will stay an integral part of this. He reviews plans related to facilities and budgets related to ADA compliance. MABCD coordinator also wants to be a part of this. Mike Tann will assign a specific position to be a part of this. On the Human Resources side, Susan Leiker will be a part of our team as well as Jay Hinkel. I'm going to help coordinate all of this and plan to be at all these meetings moving forward. One of the issues in our office and department is para-transit. For now, until we have our ADA coordinator trained, we will try to work with Jay to resolve hearing issues on para-transit.

Andrew Crane: Are you going to be working with the blind community?

Gary Janzen: We will do what we need to do.

Andrew Crane: The bus stop at New Market Square, we have met. Public works needs to jump on this. Talked to Bryan Frye, even though private property, it is in the city.

Gary Janzen: I'd like to come back to you that specifically, I know Bryan Frye and Mike Tann are involved. I'll make a specific note of that

Craig Perbeck: Looking at the core area where sidewalks are in poor condition, I would like to see something where the sidewalk of an outside café meets a specific standard.

Gary Janzen: Our committee is getting together tomorrow, we require 6 feet in core access of pedestrian access, but we can consider that.

Ronald Tracy: There is one on in Oldtown, I can take a picture and send it to you.

Sean Beebe: Same thing with Riverfest, the security vehicle blocking the ramp to get on the sidewalk. Has happened multiple years

Craig Perbeck: Maybe when it gets closer to Riverfest, we can get in contact with the director on these issues that have happened in the past.

B. Parks

Craig Perbeck: Already talked about with tours

C. Parking Regulations for Handicap Placards/License Plates

Craig Perbeck: The issue is that if you're driving, for you to utilize a parking space, you can back into a spot. The other question is if I'm driving in a residential area, can I park on either side of the street or with the flow of traffic?

Jay Hinkel: You can back in, yes. It would be disconcerting to ongoing traffic

Craig Perbeck: It is against the law to do it right now

Jay Hinkel: Yes

Craig Perbeck: If I'm in a parking lot, can I pull and park forward

Jay Hinkel: Private parking lot, we don't regulate that

Craig Perbeck: We were at Sedgwick County Park, people are taking picnic tables and carrying them up and putting them on slabs making the picnic areas inaccessible.

Sean Beebe: The bench part that we sit, our legs would be in the mud.

Craig Perbeck: Maybe in the morning, the County could move those tables. It is built accessible, but when you put something in the way, it makes it inaccessible. Crissy if you could let the parks people know

V. Old Business

David Waldie: Could Jay give us an update on the handicap parking patrol?

Jay Hinkel: We've discussed with the group that the person involved with parking tickets has retired and we have no replacement yet. The City has now using an operational model that has a dedicated traffic enforcement unit. That unit is taking responsibility for writing tickets for parking in handicap spaces. They don't spend time writing normal parking violations, but they do for handicap violations.

VI. Adjourn

The next meeting of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th at the Envision basement conference room, 610 N. Main.