

**Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board**  
**Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**  
**Envision Basement Conference Room, 610 N. Main**  
**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Voting Members Present**

Raven Alexander	Gary Janzen	Dorsha Kirksey	Craig Perbeck
Brian Powers	Rick Rader	Ronald Tracy	Dr. David Waldie
Steven Walters	Clark Stevens		

**Voting Members Absent**

Dr. Elvia Barraza	Sean Beebe	Dave Calvert	Nancy Duling
Michael Fowler	Brian Held	Ed Koon	Grady Landrum
Jane Link	Crissy Magee	Tiffany Nickle	Dee Nighswonger
Jane Otis	Chris Rea	Randy Roebuck	
Lisa Vayda			

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

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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. September & November 2019 meeting minutes. Motion made by Steven Walters.  
Passed unanimously
- III. Committee Updates  
A. Transit  
Craig Perbeck: I attended the last meeting; there was a conversation on differences between advisory board and transit authority.  
Jay Hinkel: The issue was about whether to have an election of officers at that point or to wait until March when all of the appointments could be potentially reappointed or filled by other individuals.  
Craig Perbeck: There has been a misconception on what it means to be an advisory board and what it means to make changes to the city. It's just the nature of being an advisory board as opposed to an authority that makes a decision, which has legal responsibilities. The next part of the meeting was that they were doing a study of all their bus stops, those numbers, point in time, quality of those stops, and etc. They also did a survey?  
Raven Alexander: Yes, it is still available on our website, it will end January 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Jay Hinkel: The true limit in bus service, although we don't have the funding to do what we want to, is the ability to hire competent and qualified drivers. We do not have enough drivers for the system that we have right now. The school district is in the same situation. There are regulatory constraints from the federal government that control who can or cannot get a federally approved CDL. Maybe, if we did have more money, we would bump up salaries of operators so that they would stay and induce those to come as well.  
Dr. David Waldie: Jay, when will the city review the provisional period for scooters?

Jay Hinkel: I think September.

Dr. David Waldie: I heard on the radio an in-depth review on keeping track of injury reports with scooters. In summary, there were more positive attitudes toward scooters than negative. They're reporting that 1 in 3 emergency room visits is a head injury. Head injuries are serious medical problems that involve long term care, disability, and permanent change in life status. I'm not sure if we want to discuss it enough to advise the city on our concerns. The scooter companies are powerful lobbies to make a persuasive argument to have scooters. The senior population and disabled population have had injuries and are at risk. The docking stations, if the city could address that these could be put in locations so the non-riding public could be safe. In some situations, they're skirting ADA regulations. My personal opinion is that we need more control over it.

Ronald Tracy: I've seen several pulled up to front porches of houses.

Dr. David Waldie: In traffic or on the sidewalks are neither safe to ride them on.

Craig Perbeck: I don't see how it is a sustainable business model.

Brian Powers: Based on the math, the scooters companies were making three times the cost of the scooters after a month's use. We can't regulate human behavior, but we can try to make it safer.

Craig Perbeck: Maybe at our June meeting, we draft a recommendation and present our letter to the committee by July.

Brian Powers: I think data will tell us a lot; do we have access to that? I'm sure hospitals are tracking that data.

Craig Perbeck: They are off at dark, correct?

Jay Hinkel: They didn't used to be. Company made it so that you couldn't start a scooter after 9, but if you started one before and kept it going, it could go past 9 until the battery ran out. We negotiated with them in October to have it come to a gliding stop at 9:00.

Dorsha Kirksey: Does it come with a warning for the rider?

Jay Hinkel: Yes.

Dr. David Waldie: I thought there was limited geography?

Jay Hinkel: There is, they are geo-fenced within a limited geography. Some have defeated the geo-fencing programming to be usable outside the limited geography. Because they are economically disposable, the companies have no interest in going after people who have stolen them. They have begun to litter the city.

Craig Perbeck: I just did a YouTube search and there is a video on how to hack one.

Brian Powers: I just want to know that if I were to rent one, what safety precautions I should take before riding one. There are two numbers to pay attention to, how much the city makes off of a rental and the number of uncompensated care.

Craig Perbeck: I think I'll have our intern, Kristen, do some research on scooters.

Dr. David Waldie: Another point to the article was on the speed limit of scooters. Do we have a speed limit on them?

Craig Perbeck: I believe they have a restrictor on the equipment.

## B. Building

Craig Perbeck: Anything new on ballpark?

Gary Janzen: Michael had reached out to me about a tour. We decided perhaps late February would be best, they're currently working on elevators, accessibility is not ideal right now. Another 6 weeks would be ideal. For the Nafzger Park, there is still some work to do. They expect to have bulk of work to be done in 4 weeks outside of landscaping; overall completion near the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. If there is interest to go back out,

we can certainly do that too. They were confident in getting most of the issues mentioned resolved. The city received a \$14 million grant for a new transit facility that Mike Tann will oversee. Will be beneficial to show preliminary design work to this group.

Clark Stevens: Where will that be located?

Gary Janzen: South of the ice rink, right behind.

Dr. David Waldie: Does the city own the building where Cole Mower used to be?

Gary Janzen: I'm not sure. Aquatics Masterplan on the pools, we opened bids for open phase projects, costs came in higher than expected partly because of timing. We've taken a step back and looked at potential changes. The Council agreed to not focus on 2020 season, but instead for 2021. I'm not sure if this group ever got to see what those plans looked like, I'd be happy to provide that if there is interest.

Craig Perbeck: Probably March or April for that.

#### IV. New Business

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

Gary Janzen: I've provided everyone with updated information with our ADA Coordinator position. The position is currently vacant. One of the challenges we had previously, it was a challenge because we needed him to be a full-time traffic engineer, but he spent most of his time on ADA, which was okay, but over time we decided to have a full-time ADA coordinator now. We have a vacant engineer position and because of the last few years, we are slowing down on the Kellogg freeway. It gives us the ability to create this position. There is a box in the middle of the page, feel free to share that info. I'd like for any questions in the meantime to come to me.

Ronald Tracy: There's nothing with Sedgwick County on this report.

Gary Janzen: This is for the City of Wichita solely.

Craig Perbeck: The County has Crissy Magee serving in that role.

#### V. Old Business

Jay Hinkel: I encountered on the WAMPO website, the move 2040 plan that covers highways in federal dollars spent on roadways and transit, not just in Sedgwick County, but the MSA (Butler, Sumner, and Harvey counties), they have altered the proposed allocation based on surveyed comments, from 3% for transit to nearly 0%. I would encourage members of the board to go to the WAMPO website and review the plan and put in comments.

Raven Alexander: I believe the survey is still up and I am meeting with WAMPO this afternoon on why this decrease is there.

#### VI. Adjourn

The next meeting of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Envision basement conference room, 610 N. Main.