

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board
Wednesday, January 27th, 2020
Webex Conference Call System
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Voting Members Present

Dee Nighswonger	Crissy Magee	Rick Rader
Craig Perpeck	Lidya Vayda	David Calvert
Clark Stevens	Raven Alexander	Andrew Crane
Dorsha Kirksey	Michael Fowler	Nancy Duling
Gary Janzen	Dee Nighswonger	Sean Beebe
Ronald Tracy		

Voting Members Not Present

David Pracht	Jane Otis	Steven Walters
Dr. David Waldie	Katherine Bergamsco	Thomas Kell
Ed Koon	Michael Fowler	Tiffany Nickel
Grady Landrum	Michael Pryor	Tom Page
Elvia Barraza		

City/County Staff Present (Non-Voting Members)

Taben Azad	Migwi Karugu	Jay Hinkel
Paul Leeker		

- I. Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions-Craig Perbeck
 - a. 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. There was no action taken on the October 2020 minutes.
- III. Committee Updates
 - a. There was a question about the new sculpture honoring the sit-in. There questions about ADA compliance. Craig did not note any issue with it.

- b. Craig Perbeck asked what is the inspection process for when a company goes into a new store front? Do they have to pull a permit?
 - i. Gary Janzen was not sure what might trigger and inspection or review of ADA compliance
 - ii. Migwi answered that a complaint would trigger an investigation
 - iii. Craig asked who pictures of possible violations should be sent to.
 - 1. Gary Janzen answered that he was the person to send photos to
- c. Gary Janzen discussed the issue of contractors blocking sidewalks. Andrew Crane mentioned that a blind person with a guide dog needed space on both sides. Gary Janzen noted that this was an issue they were aware of that they had significant leverage that can be used to ensure compliance.

IV. New Business

- a. Andrew Crane wanted to discuss some legislation regarding guide dogs. The National Federation of Guide Dogs has supported a new law allowing any guide dog to enter any building. This has been passed—Crane just wanted to ensure that the Access Advisory Board was aware of it.
- b. Andrew Crane noted that he was told by the manager of a local business that he could not have his guide dog in the business. Andrew wanted the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board to take action
 - i. Gary Janzen pointed out that this was a violation of a federal ordinance and that the City of Wichita might not be able to pursue corrective action
 - ii. Craig Perbeck pointed out the Access Advisory Board was unable to send letters to specific businesses. The board can network with other organizations to raise awareness.
- c. It was pointed out the Kansas White Cane Law goes above and beyond what the ADA requires. This includes allowing guide dogs in training to enter businesses.
 - i. Jay Hinkle enter the link to a comparison between the Kansas statute and the ADA
- d. A question was asked was asked about the status of Naftzger Park.
 - i. Gary answered that things are going well. People are going there and things are basically complete.
- e. A question was asked about the swimming pools in the City of Wichita.
 - i. Gary answered that the first two phases of construction are under way and if all goes well they should be opened by the Summer. The third phase will be completed in 2022.

V. Adjournment

- a. The next meeting will of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board will is scheduled for February 24 on a virtual meeting platform.