

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

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**Voting Members Present**

Brian Powers	Jay Hinkle
Chris Rea	Nancy Duling
Clark Stevens	Raven Alexander
Craig Perbeck	Rick Rader
Crissy Magee	Ronald Tracy
Dee Nighswonger	Dorsha Kirksey
Tom Page	Sean Beebe
Lisa Vayda	

**Voting Members not Present**

David Calvert	Michelle Pryor
David Pracht	Steven Walters
Ed Koon	Thomas Kell
Elviria Barraza	Tiffany Nickel
Grady Landrum	
Michael Fowler	

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

Paul Leeker  
Gary Janzen  
Migwi Karugu

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**I. Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions:**

- a. Brian Powers opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance. Roll call and introduction of members.

**II. Meeting Minutes:**

- a. Powers entertained motions to approve the meeting minutes from October and January. Raven Alexander moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Lisa Vayada. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Committee Updates:**

**a. Transit**

- i. Gary Janzen mentioned that things were moving along with the new transit centers. He would like to hear what the plan is with regards to COVID-19 and the new baseball stadium. He would like a report for the next meeting.
- ii. Jay Hinkle answered that over 500 parking spaces will be added.

**b. Building**

- i. Migwi Karugu mentioned that the satellite library location had been approved by MABCD. They can arrange a tour at any time.
- ii. Craig Perbeck noted that if this board was to truly be an advisory board than they should have the ability to review buildings before they are built.
  1. Gary Janzen answered that he will do a better job of this
- iii. Andrew Crane wanted to know if the new Fidelity Parking Garage restaurant would be ADA accessible.
  1. Gary Janzen answered that MABCD does a good job of ensuring ADA compliance.
  2. Jay Hinkel added that this is private construction and that means there is no monitoring of construction outside of approval and permitting process.
  3. Brian Powers agreed with this assessment—would defer to counsel on the matter of private construction.
  4. Jay Hinkel mentioned that it would be possible to offer the services of the board to contractors. The Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board has no regulatory power.
- iv. Tom Page observed that there were a number of complaints about election/voting from the November election. Lisa Vayada said that the League of Women Voters had also received complaints.
  1. Brian Powers recommended that the Board of County Elections address the board. Probably right before the election. Tom Page thought this may help—he's worried that it will just echo what they have already heard.
  2. Craig Perbeck asked if there has been an official ADA complaint. Tom was unaware of any complaint. The NFB has encouraged complaints to be filed directly with the DOJ.
  3. Crissy Magee received one complaint during the election. It was a complaint that workers at a polling site were unaware of the policy towards assisting disable voters.
  4. Lisa Vayada pointed out that they had received a complaint about a broken automatic door at a polling site.
    - a. Brian Powers asked if the sites were inspected beforehand
    - b. Ronald Tracy and Crissy Magee answered in the affirmative.
    - c. Craig Perbeck pointed out that automatic doors were not required by regulations
    - d. Jay Hinkel noted that the DOJ has a detailed list of election accessibility

- i. The City considers voting sites to the bailiwick of the County

**IV. New Business:**

- a. Craig Perbeck wanted to know about the improvements at OJ Watson Park and what future plans existed.
  - i. Gary Janzen answered that they were accepting bids for an all-events center towards the McLean side of the park. They tried it last year but the costs were high. They did a redesign on the project to lower costs. He can have his staff talk more about this next month.
- b. Andrew Crane discussed the white cane law and guide dogs.
  - i. Crane stated that he had a meeting with City of Wichita. He was seeking an ordinance on businesses to ensure that they are educated about individuals with guide dogs.
  - ii. Tom Page continued and explained that Crane has had recent denials of service because of their service animal. In some jurisdictions there are city and county ordinances that allow the calling of 911. This would allow intervention to occur quickly. Currently, it could take months to get resolution to a violation. Page contended that Crane could write a letter to the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board describing his experience.
  - iii. Gary Janzen mentioned that he will be attending the meeting that Crane had referred to. Janzen did a follow up with the business that Crane was referring to. The business did not deny Crane service—they just asked questions that they were entitled to ask. Janzen wanted to make sure the board was aware that there was no denial of service. Janzen contended that this ordinance would increase strain on the WPD.
  - iv. Brian Powers felt that this was a good experience for the Board to learn about the applicability of local ordinances.

**V. Old Business**

**VI. Other Business**

**VII. Public Comment**

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a. Clark Stevens announced his retirement from the Board. He wanted to let the others know it was his pleasure to serve on the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board.
- b. Nancy Duling is moving outside of the district of the elected official who appointed her and would be leaving the board.
- c. Brian Powers thank both Clark and Nancy for their service.
- d. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.