

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Zoom Virtual Meeting

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Voting Members Present

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| Susie Ternes | Tom Page |
| Crissy Magee | Michelle Pryor |
| Brian Powers | Jane Otis |
| Rick Rader | Stacy Fuller |
| Ronald Tracy | Sean Beebe |
| Dorsha Kirksey | Gary Janzen |
| Thomas Page | Katherine Bergamasco |
| Tiffany Nickel | |

Voting Members Not Present

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| Brian Held | Dr. David Waldie |
| Chris Rea | Ed Koon |
| Clark Stevens | Elvia Barraza |
| David Pracht | Grady Landrum |
| Dee Nighswonger | Kenny Hinkle |
| Raven Alexander | Steven Walters |
| Thomas Kell | |

City/County Staff Present

Paul Leeker

Jane Link

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 a motion for approval of February minutes. Dorsha Kirksey moved to approve the minutes. Katherine Bergamasco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Powers entertained a motion for approval of March minutes. Thomas moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business:

- a. Election Commissioner Tabitha Lehman addressed the board on voting access issues
 - i. Access should be viewed in two specific ways—access to the voting location and access to the voting machine
 - ii. There is a 28 page check-list to ensure compliance is assured
 - iii. Each polling place is inspected every 2 years
 - iv. ADA is one of the reason we choose churches—they are more commonly ADA compliant
 - v. Every voting machine is compliant and accessible
 - vi. Assistance that is provided via two polling workers from opposite parties to ensure fairness
 - vii. Question and Answer
 1. Andrew Crane had a question about why he was refused used of a machine.
 - a. Lehman answered that it appeared to be an issue with registration
 2. Thomas Page mentioned that the National Federation of the Blind had received a number of complaints regarding access issues.
 3. Page had a question about the Democratic primary going all paper
 - a. Lehman clarified that the Election Commissioner does not have anything to do with party primary elections
- b. Larry Hoetmer spoke about the all-season shelter at O.J. Watson Park
 - i. The new building will be an all-purpose, all-season events center
 - ii. The building has some design features for outdoor weddings.
 - iii. The building will have two ADA parking spots located very near the entrance
 - iv. Question and answer
 1. Who sets the price?
 - a. Hoetmer answered that the price would be established by the Park Director and the Superintend of Recreation
- c. Paul Gunzelman spoke about temporary parking at the baseball stadium
 - i. Between Sycamore and Oak will be the location of the permanent parking facility—will be finished next year.
 - ii. There will be 200 spots available
 - iii. The team will control those lots
 - iv. South towards Maple will be another lot
 - v. There will be 100 spots available at this location
 - vi. Question and Answer
 1. Craig Perbeck asked who owned the lots.
 - a. Gunzelman answered that they are owned by the City
 - b. Perbeck was concerned that the wealthy would have access to those lots and not everyone
 2. There was a question about stadium attendance
 - a. Gunzelman answered that the amount went up to 12,000
 3. Brian Powers answered if there was a designated spot for Uber/Lyft?

- a. They are working on providing a location for that
- 4. Perbeck asked if there was a fee to park in temporary spots. Are there ADA spots?
 - a. Gary Janzen answered that these are questions that they will find the answers to and he will pass the message on.
- 5. Ronald Tracy asked if there was any attempt to have parking lots at Town East/Town West and run public transportation.
 - a. Gunzelman answered that they are looking into satellite parking locations
- 6. Tiffany Nickel observed that Q-Line Trolleys were not wheel-chair accessible
 - a. Janzen will look into this

IV. Committee Updates:

- a. Transit
 - i. No updates.
- b. Building
 - i. No updates.

V. Old Business:

- a. Brian Powers addressed the desirability of establishing an educational committee
- b. Gary Janzen noted that there has been education outreach to business regarding ADA compliance in terms of service animals
- c. Brian Powers spoke to the typo in the agenda regarding the meeting time. The meetings are to continue until 11:30
- d. Gunzelman addressed a question about the library. It should be fully opened within a week—but, there is some stonework that needs to be finished.
- e. Thomas Page discussed traffic concerns downtown. Page lost connection with Zoom meeting. Pages reconnected and spoke about a tunnel that was constructed at a building site and it was done perfectly.

VI. Public Comment

- a. No public comment

VII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned.