

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Envision, 610 N. Main St.

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Voting Members Present

Brian Powers	Rick Rader
Christopher Rea	Ron Tracy
Crissy Magee	Susan Ternes
Dee Nighswonger	Andrew Crane
Dorsha Kirksey	Stacey Fuller
Gary Janzen	Raven Alexander
Jane Otis	Tom Page
Sean Beebe	Lisa Vayda
Stacy Fuller	Michelle Pryor
Andrew Crane	Jay Hinkle
David Pracht	

Voting Members Not Present

Craig Perbeck	Michael Fowler
David Calvert	Steven Walter
Ed Koon	Tiffany Nickel
Elvia Barraza	Grady Landrum
Brian Held	

City/County Staff Present

Paul Leeker	Paul Gunzleman
Jane Link	

- I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions-Brian Powers:**
 - a. Roll call of the meeting attendees
- II. Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Powers' entertained a motion to approve the May 2021 meeting minutes
 - i. Ron Tracy moved to approve the minutes. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

III. **Committee Updates:**

- a. Transit
 - i. No Update
- b. Building
 - i. No update

IV. **New Business:**

- a. Discussion of food deserts
 - i. Lisa Vayda brought up the need to discuss food deserts and their impact on the community
 - 1. Her thesis focuses on factors that affect life expectancy.
 - 2. Food insecurity is highly associated with decreased life expectancy.
 - 3. Affects those without time, talent, treasure. Talent means the ability to access stores.
 - ii. Ron Tracy
 - 1. The problem with the food deserts is that people in the area don't utilize the stores
 - 2. They are not economically feasible.
 - iii. Brian Powers
 - 1. Asked Lisa if her research looks at the economics of food deserts.
 - a. Lisa answered that supply and demand is an issue.
 - b. However, the City incentivizes Top Golf and other amenities.
 - c. Food is a basic need.
 - iv. Tom Page
 - 1. Stated that the city offers incentives for a number of economic activities.
 - 2. He thinks that this a good path to consider.
 - v. Andrew Crane
 - 1. The City of Wichita needs to look at putting in a small grocery store in downtown Wichita.
 - vi. Brian Powers
 - 1. Wondered what tax-payer subsidies would apply to grocery stores
 - vii. Lisa Vayda stated that she was willing to draft a letter addressing food shortages/food deserts to send out to the group
 - viii. Raven Alexander asked if Lisa had reached out to the Health and Wellness Coalition
 - 1. They try and address the issue of food deserts
 - 2. Good place to start
 - ix. Jay Hinkle pointed out the very low profit margins in the grocery business
 - 1. 1% profit is great
 - 2. High-operating costs
 - x. Brian Power volunteered to draft a letter.
 - 1. Jay motioned to draft a statement that can be sent to the County Commission and City Council about the impact of food deserts.

2. Sean Beebe seconded the motion.
 - a. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Riverfront Stadium-reasonable Accommodation for companion seating
 - i. Paul Gunzleman discussed Riverfront Stadium accommodations for companion seating
 - ii. The ADA seating is spread throughout the concourse
 - iii. Some ADA seating at the field level
 - iv. As the ADA seating was designed there was a fixed seat for companion
 1. A ratio of 1 to 1
 - v. The baseball team also makes accommodation for an additional companion
 1. Chairs they bring out as needed
 - vi. Some of the seats were blocked off due to COVID-19 protocols
 - vii. Trying to determine if the seating can be opened up
 1. Still not usable at this time due to COVID-19 protocols
 - viii. Jay Hinkle noted that there was additional seating at the back of the concourses
 1. There are chairs that are bolted down that can easily be moved and made accessible
 - ix. Brian Powers commented that they had a tour 18 months ago
 1. There were not many issues that come up

V. Old Business:

- a. Ron Tracy asked about disadvantaged housing. They were curious if they were required to take a class to learn how to repair/maintain their property.
 - i. Raven Alexander mentioned that Housing that was the group to talk with
- b. Ron Tracy asked if it was possible to have an evening meeting once a year.
 - i. He offered that it was something to think about to allow greater participation
 - ii. Brian Powers recommended polling membership to determine if there was interest

VI. Other:

- a. NA

VII. Public Comment:

- a. No public comment

VIII. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.