

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, January 26, 2021

Envision/Zoom

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Voting Members Present

Craig Perbeck	Rick Rader
Dorsha Kirksey	Jayne Otis
Lisa Vayda	Raven Alexander
Ron Tracy	Sean Beebe
Susan Ternes	Gary Janzen
Stacy Fuller	Sean Beebe
Chris Rea	Grady Landrum
Jill Kerschen	Brian Powers
Tyler Slanovec	Tiffany Nickle

Voting Members Not Present

Michelle Pryor	Ed Koon
David Pracht	Michael Fowler
Dee Nighswonger	Steven Walters
Andrew Crane	

City/County Staff Present

Paul Leeker	Jay Hinkle
Michael Fessinger	Jane Link

- I. **Welcome, Announcements & Introductions-Brian Powers:**
 - a. Roll call of the meeting attendees
 - b. Members introduced themselves and gave their goals for the WSCAAB in the coming year
- II. **Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Powers entertained a motion to approve the October 2021 meeting minutes
 - i. Ron Tracy moved to approve the minutes. Raven Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

III. Committee Updates:

- a. Transit
 - i. The department continues to struggle with staffing
 - ii. Between hires and resignations we have netted 7 positions
 - iii. Continuing to move forward with Multi Modal Center
 - 1. Some modifications have been made to keep within budget
 - 2. The schedule has been pushed back by a little bit
 - iv. Waiting for further guidance on the infrastructure bill's impact
 - v. Raven Alexander noted that there are a few pilot programs starting
 - 1. IRC pilot program—6 month pass for refugees
 - 2. Mental Health Coalition program—a group will be given passes to track and see if this enhances their quality of life
- b. Building
 - i. Event Center at OJ Watson Park
 - 1. There have been supply chain issues
 - 2. The expectation is that the facility could be ready in March/April

IV. New Business:

- a. Bus Stop Reduction—Raven Alexander
 - i. Lisa Vayda read about changes in the Wichita Beacon and was wondering how the change was communicated to those with disabilities
 - ii. In 2018 there were 2,083 stops. There are 2,317
 - 1. Stops have been added
 - iii. Some of the stops that were pulled were inactive
 - 1. Some had just not been pulled yet
 - iv. Some low usage stops were pulled
 - 1. Based on ridership data about that stop
 - v. Some routes were shifted when demands change
 - vi. Craig Perbeck asked for an update on stops that were not wheelchair accessible
 - 1. Alexander noted that the pandemic has impacted the numbers and the data—but, work is being done to lay down sidewalks
 - vii. Perbeck noted that there is some frustration in the community about the use of consultants and the seeming lack of response to problems
 - viii. Thomas Page wanted to know what progress has been made about Braille or tactile map? The application also seems to be inaccessible.
 - ix. Raven Alexander asked the members to reach out to her when they receive concerns so that they can be addressed
 - x. Jayne Otis asked about who cleans up trash at stops
 - 1. Maintenance staff and a contractor clean up trash
 - 2. There is a schedule because it is impractical to clean up 2,300 stops daily
 - xi. Lisa Vayda wanted to know about how changes are communicated
 - 1. It was posed on social media accounts and on the transit website
- b. Implementation of Nondiscrimination Ordinance-Jay Hinkle
 - i. It went into effect on January 4, 2022

- ii. It is now a component of a contracts
- iii. There have been no applications for hearings or reviews under the ordinance
- iv. Thomas Page asked if the Nondiscrimination Ordinance subsumes the need for a separate service dog ordinance
 - 1. Hinkle answered in the affirmative
 - 2. They would be able to request a hearing under this ordinance because the ordinance requires compliance with the ADA
- c. Future Agenda Items—Brian Powers
 - i. If you have any items you would like to see, send them to Paul

V. Old Business:

- a. Tiffany Nickle had a question for Gary or Jay about how the ADA code is translated
 - i. The Code has been translated into Spanish and Vietnamese
 - ii. Generally, MAPD is dealing with builders and not the owners
 - iii. Jay asked for clarification about the specific complaint
 - 1. It involved door handles
 - 2. There are issues with assuming someone's language
 - iv. Tiffany clarified that it involved changing bathroom door handles
 - 1. No permit is required for this

VI. Other:

- a. Lisa Vayda presented a handout about a project from WSU about the CityGuide service

VII. Public Comment:

- a. No public comment

VIII. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.