

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 23, 2021

Envision/Zoom

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Voting Members Present

Craig Perbeck	Rick Rader	Harley Anderson
Thomas Page	Jayne Otis	
Lisa Vayda	Gary Janzen	
Ron Tracy	Grady Landrum	
Susan Ternes	Brian Powers	
Stacy Fuller	Tiffany Nickel	

Voting Members Not Present

Michelle Pryor	Ed Koon	David Calvert
David Pracht	Michael Fowler	Sean Beebe
Dee Nighswonger	Steven Walters	
Andrew Crane	Dorsha Kirksey	
Raven Alexander	Christopher Rea	

City/County Staff Present

Paul Leeker	Brian McLeod
Kyelene Flaming	

I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions-Brian Powers:

- a. Roll call of the meeting attendees
- b. Members introduced themselves and gave their goals for the WSCAAB

II. Meeting Minutes:

- a. Powers entertained a motion to approve the October 2021 meeting minutes
 - i. Ron Tracy moved to approve the minutes. Stacy Fuller seconded the motion.The motion passed unanimously

III. Committee Updates:

- a. Transit
 - i. Thomas Page noted the Transit app's update appears screen reader functional
 - ii. Gary Janzen spoke about the former bus stop at Town East
 - 1. He will reach out to Town East to facilitate discussion on this matter
 - iii. Brian Powers stated the City has offered to repave the parking lot in the past

- iv. Thomas Page noted that the NFB has done work on this in the past
- v. There might be an option of discussing a pedestrian path
 - 1. This would ensure that buses don't have to come close to the building
 - 2. Janzen recommended that he could start the conversation and have that initiated by next month's meeting
 - 3. He will give an update and there appears to be little doubt that there is support for this
- b. Building
 - i. N/A

IV. New Business:

- a. Discussion of Art Studio —Sarah Kephart, Envision Arts Program and Gallery Manager
 - i. The mission of the gallery is to empower artists and audiences that are impaired and disabled, and to provide them with a safe and supportive platform to not only exhibit but also engage the community
 - ii. The studio promotes a culture of health, wellness, and unity through inclusivity, diversity, equality, and accessibility to the arts for all
 - iii. The studio is located at 801 East Douglas at Union Station
- b. Discussion of Future Agenda Items
 - i. Thomas Page suggested discussion on construction site sidewalks
 - 1. These sidewalks push people into the streets
 - 2. Gary Janzen will provide information on these sidewalks and the permitting process during the next meeting
 - ii. Gary Janzen suggested discussion on Aira
 - 1. Aira stands for artificial intelligence remote assistance
 - 2. Individuals can utilize Aira to dial an agent and be provided navigational and visual support through facilities
 - 3. City and County have facilities where individuals have free Aira access
 - iii. WPD could elaborate on access points to services
 - iv. Harley Anderson mentioned uneven sidewalks in the Delano neighborhood
 - 1. Gary Janzen explains how sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent property. The City investigates sidewalk based on citizen complaints

V. Old Business:

- a. Tiffany Nickel asked how ADA money gets distributed to public entities
 - i. Gary Janzen explains the City Council approves a certain amount of funding for ADA improvements for public facilities
 - ii. Thomas Page explains for school districts this is handled at a state level and divvied up by local districts

VI. Other:

- a. Lisa Vayda presented a handout about the League of Women Voters book club

VII. Public Comment:

- a. No public comment

VIII. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.