

## Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Envision/Zoom

10:00—11:30 a.m.

### Agenda

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#### Voting Members Present

Brian Powers	Harley Anderson (z)	Andrew Crane
Craig Perbeck	Gary Janzen	Jayne Otis
Lisa Vayda (z)	Raven Alexander	Ron Tracy
Sean Beebe (z)	Susan Ternes (z)	Thomas Page
Stacey Fuller	Shea Hanson	Kyelene Flaming
David Calvert (z)		

#### Voting Members Not Present

Jim Howell (z)	Chelsey Anderson (z)	J Hinkel (z)

#### City/County Staff Present

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Dustin Sigler	Zoe Sisco	
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**Parking** for WSCAAB is located in the parking lot at the North East corner of Pine St. and Market St. behind the Sedgwick County Public Safety Center.

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- I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions – Brian Powers
    - a. Roll Call of the Meeting Attendees, Quorum present
  - II. Meeting Minutes
    - a. Approval of August 2022 meeting minutes of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board
      - i. Motion to approve – Ronald Tracey, Second – Lisa Vayda, motion passed
  - III. Committee Updates
    - a. Towne east mall access
      - i. A letter was sent to Towne East, further detailing the issue at hand.
      - ii. Chairman Brian Powers made a short video, showing the walk from the bus stop to the door of the mall. His video showed the lack of sidewalk access once you get onto the mall grounds, in addition to having to walk

through a full parking lot before entering the mall. The video ended shortly after he walked up to the mall, although it was noted that he never actually made it inside due to construction. While there was signage leading individuals to the renovated entrance, this poses an issue for anyone with a vision impairment.

1. The group commended Brian for the video, saying that it was an accurate portrayal of the walk and the problems that individuals may encounter during the walk.
  2. The group determined that additional sidewalks, leading from Rock Road to the doors of the mall would solve many of the issues presented in the video.
  3. Raven Alexander mentioned that the mall is looking at ways to become more accessible, although they stated that they wished to wait until after the renovations at Towne East were complete.
  4. Raven went on to mention the Paratransit system as supported by the City of Wichita, stating that if an appointment is made, someone can be picked up at his or her exact location and taken to the doors of the mall. This is only for individuals that qualify, and costs \$3.50 per ride.
    - a. Paratransit is available for those who are 60 or older, or those with a physical, visual, or auditory impairment, and is only available to Wichita residents.
- iii. The group went onto discuss ways of spreading awareness, including sharing the video, although it was eventually decided that this may create issue with Towne East, and it's important that the lines of communication remain open.

#### IV. New Business

##### a. Intrust Bank Arena

- i. Craig Perbeck is working on reaching out to Intrust Bank Arena to have someone present at a future meeting.
- ii. The issue was brought up that when the arena has deals on tickets, Select-A-Seat does not have these same deals available for ADA Accessible Seats.
- iii. It was also mentioned that during events that have "premium seating" there are no ADA Accessible seats in this area.
- iv. While the group agreed that this seemed to be a Select-A-Seat issue, they still wanted to discuss their concerns with an Intrust Bank Arena staff member.
- v. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

##### b. McConnell Air Force Base – Air Show

- i. Ronald wanted to inform the group that at this year's air show, McConnell Air Force Base had greatly improved their handicap access parking.

1. The group decided to send a letter to McConnell Air Force Base thanking them for improving their access, and commending them on their commitment to those coming to enjoy the show.
2. The group also discussed bringing back the certificates for exemplary service, in light of the efforts made at MFAB.

V. Public Comment

- a. White Cane Celebration Day October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Route is yet to be determined. There will be a proclamation by the City of Wichita to bring awareness to White Cane Day.

VI. Adjournment

- a. 10:22