

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Envision/Zoom

10:00—11:30 a.m.

Minutes

Members Present

Brian Powers-Chair	Craig Perbeck-Vice Chair (z)	Raven Alexander
Harley Anderson (z)	Andrew Crane	Kyelene Flaming (z)
Karen Plateau (z)	Stacey Fuller	Shea Hanson (z)
Shelley Herrington (z)	Emily Jensen	Gary Janzen
Jayne Otis	Tom Page (z)	Susie Ternes (z)
Virginia Zapote		

City/County Staff Present

Adrienn Clark	Elizabeth Ewers	Jessica Hutton
Nate Johnson		

Guests

AJ Boleski (INTRUST Bank Arena)	Shannon Duncan (INTRUST Bank Arena)	Suzette du Toit
Kim Neufeld (WAMPO)	Melissa Rogers (Aetna Better Health)	Maria Salas (Sunflower Health Plan)
Tim Thomas (United Healthcare)	Joni Wilson (18 th Judicial District Court)	

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- I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions – Chair Brian Powers
 - a. Chair Brian Powers called the meeting to order with a quorum present.
 - II. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion made by Virginia Zapote to approve April 2024 minutes; seconded by Stacey Fuller. **11-0.**
 - III. Monthly Updates
 - a. Transportation Committee
 - i. An RFP has been issued for new transit center construction
 - ii. Collecting feedback on the redesign through May 31
 - iii. Board will be invited for a tour once the new transit center is built
 - IV. New Business
 - a. Wheelchair-accessible transportation discussion
 - i. Maria Salas, Sunflower Health Plan: Sunflower has new value-added benefit for three free rides for social/nonmedical transportation this

year; will consider feedback about further needs in annual value-added benefits review

- ii. Tim Thomas, United Healthcare: UHC has had value-added benefits for a few years; started with 12 round-trip rides, last year increased to 24 rides
- iii. Melissa Rogers, Aetna Better Health: Aetna Better Health also has value-added benefits and offers extensive mileage reimbursement for rideshares and similar services.
- iv. Karen Flateau shared that she has not found any Lyfts or Ubers that have accessible vehicles in town; cost is prohibitive for them
- v. Information regarding value-added benefits can be found through the state insurance website and each provider's website.

b. INTRUST Bank Arena updates

- i. AJ Boleski shared that they have a presentation on the accessible website features prepared for next month's meeting.
- ii. Virginia Zapote shared that there are some concerns about lines forming outside Orpheum blocking access paths.
- iii. AJ Boleski said that they generally try to keep lines up against the building; he will make sure this is happening beginning with shows tonight

c. Accessibility guidelines for pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way

- i. Tabling topic until after June National Federation of the Blind meeting

d. Disability waiting list letters: Board of County Commissioners and City Council

- i. Chair Brian Powers read the letter aloud to the board
- ii. Shelley Herrington noted that some of the numbers have changed since the letter was drafted: the state is providing funding to alleviate the wait for 500 individuals, not 250; the list will be capped at 4,800, not 6,800
- iii. Motion made by Tom Page to empower the Chair to do any statistical updating necessary and continue with the letter; seconded by Karen Flateau. **15-0.**

e. Chair nominations

- i. Andrew Crane nominated Tom Page; Tom Page declined but would consider serving as Vice-Chair.
- ii. Brian Powers nominated Lisa Vayda (absent). Kyelene Flaming seconded the nomination.
- iii. Members may consider other nominations and present them at next month's meeting before the board votes on the position.

V. Announcements

- a. Andrew Crane: Guiding Paws event at Wichita Wind Surge game on May 30
- b. Tom Page: Tom attended the Board of County Commissioners meeting to be sworn in for another term representing District 4 on the board. He will continue to look for a member to hold the seat reserved for the National Federation of the Blind.

- c. Gary Janzen: City of Wichita continues to be impacted by a cybersecurity event; the best place for updates is Wichita.gov/alerts. There will be no late penalties for water payments during this time.
- VI. Public Comment – Karen Neufeld shared information about a WAMPO survey on regional transit.
- VII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.