

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, January 29th, 2025

Envision/Zoom

10:00—10:45 a.m.

Agenda

Members Present

Tom Page – Vice Chair	Raven Alexander (z)
Andrew Crane	Harley Anderson (z)
Colin McKenney	Karen Flateau (z)
Jared Holcomb	Lisa Vayda (z)
Jayne Otis	Sheila Brown (z)
Crissy Magee	Shelley Herrington (z)
Nate Johnson (ip)	Susan (Suzie) Ternes (z)
Virginia Zapote (ip)	Cindy Unruh (z)
Shea Hanson (ip)	
Terese Goren (ip)	

City/County Staff Present

Samantha Seang (Counsel)	Sabrina Young	Michelle Bastian
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- I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions – Tom Page
 - II. Call of the Meeting Attendees – A quorum was present.
 - III. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve October 2024 minutes made by Shelley Herrington; seconded by Raven Alexander. **Passed unanimously by voice vote.**
 - IV. Public Comment – None
 - V. Monthly Updates
 - a) ADA Staff Updates – Virginia Zapote

Working on training library staff about service animals. Educating businesses on being ADA compliant by shoveling snow from sidewalks, driveways and accessible parking spots. Training for engineers, inspectors, and contractors on condemned sidewalks and construction procedures.

Sabrina Young - There is a lot of concerns that are not ADA but ADA adjacent issues. If a list is made, we can present it to the city.

Nate Johnson – working on more accurate live captioning for city council and related meetings.

The city needs to enforce shoveling of sidewalks. Citizens send complaints to the city but it takes a long time for it to be resolved due to low staff. Snow plowing also ends up blocking sidewalks and crossings. Pedestrian right of way went into effect on Jan 17th. Open lanes of access is a city right for sidewalk but not roads, however priority is being given for roads.

b) Transportation Committee and bus stop accessibility – Raven Alexander

New bus stops are required to have pedestrian access. City of Wichita is working on updating 13 stops of which, five stops to meet ADA standards. There are FTA regulations to abide by for getting NEPA studies done. There will be adjustments to routes and could cause some shifting of bus stops. The construction of the new terminal is on schedule. There is a live feed of the progress being made. Any amenities constructed have to be ADA and Title VI compliant and there needs to be a justification to build them.

VI. New Business

a) Button accessible doors and bathrooms in restaurants – Andrew Crane

We need more buttons to press to open doors. The doors of restaurants are heavy and awkward and make it harder for people to enter an establishment. MABCD needs to be consulted on ADA compliance for any renovated structures.

b) Discussion of 2025 Meeting Schedule

Meetings to be held on the last Wednesday of every month. Next meeting to be held on February 26th at 10:00 a.m. Agendas and draft meetings to be published on the website for any newcomers.

VII. Announcements

a) NEA Big Read: Wichita March 14-April 26, 2025 Novelist Rebekah Taussig's **Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body.**

b) Going to Washington D.C. for the Washington Seminar held from Monday, February 3 through Thursday, February 6, 2025 Holiday Inn Washington Capitol – National Mall, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Virginia Zapote; seconded by Jared Holcomb. **Passed unanimously by voice vote.** Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.