

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 28th, 2025

Envision/Zoom

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Agenda

Members Present

IN-PERSON	ZOOM
Brian Powers	Karen Flateau
Tom Page	Crissy Magee
Jared Holcomb	Harley Anderson
Jayne Otis	Lisa Vayda
Virginia Zapote	Shea Hanson
Raven Alexander	Shelley Herrington
Rosie Greene	Susan (Susie) Ternes
Lloyd Hanna	Sean Beebe
Andrew Crane	Ryan Heikes
John Crane	Emily Jensen
Terese Goren	

City/County Staff Present

Nate Johnson	Mike Armour	Michelle Bastian
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- I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions – Brian Powers
 - a. **John Crane – Goals:** People with disabilities should be treated like every other citizen and not second class citizens.
 - b. **Susie Ternes – Goals:** Continue to advocate for the deaf and hard of hearing community.
 - II. Call of the Meeting Attendees – A quorum was present.
 - III. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Approval April 2025 minutes made by Brian Powers; seconded by Andrew Crane. **Passed – 20 with 1 abstentions.**
 - IV. Public Comment

Finn and Aggie joined us as the youngest visitors of the meeting.
Stacy Rogers, a SDCO disability board member and candidate for Governor attended the meeting.

Parking for the access advisory board is east of market in the empty lot.

V. Monthly Updates

a. **ADA Staff Updates** – Mike Armour.

A federal funding opportunity grant application is due on June 26th. This grant will be used to improve 37th St N to Pawnee. This section has higher crash rate, and higher than average use by pedestrians, bicyclists and others. These funds will be used to include ATS, ADA upgrades along the corridor for motorist and pedestrians. A consultant is looking into redesigning the section into 3 lanes + bike path. There will be limitations based on areas of high need vs low need. A letter of support from organizations can improve our selection rate. Currently, only 10% of applications are approved. We are requesting 20 million but there is a chance we could receive a partial amount. We will be coming back to the board with designs for feedback and suggestions.

The WSCAAB will write a letter supporting the federal grant application for Safe Streets and Roads for All. A motion in favor was made by Lloyd Hanna; seconded by Tom Page. The motion passed 21 – 0 with 0 abstentions.

b. Subcommittee report – Lisa Vayda, Andrew Crane, Tom Page

All edits to be submitted to Michelle who will forward it to the sub-committee. Need to take out specific names like Nate Johnson, Dion Leffler and aim for a more positive, solution based resolution rather than point fingers at people. The incoming city manager, officials, elected need to know exactly why we are bringing this up and know exactly what we are upset about. We are asking the elected to conform to the best practices rather than just follow the law. Call your councilperson and express your opinion. Alternately, board members need to have these conversations with the officials that nominated them onto the board. There are several gaps in communication and part of the issue is with people not stepping up and participating in events that are collecting feedback. The city and county are required to issue public notices, contact stakeholders, and engage with the press on these topics, however, the general public chooses not to engage in these opportunities.

VI. New Business

Chair Elections:

Statement for the record if elected: Thank you for extending this opportunity to serve the board and our disability communities. I am honored. I look forward to

collaboratively developing forward thinking accessibility guidance for leaders in Wichita and Sedgwick County.

Mia Ocean was voted WSCAAB chair for 2025 – 2026 by unanimous consent.

Tom Page accepted the position of vice chair for 2025 – 2026.

VII. Announcements

- A. NaviLens & Guiding Paws demonstration on June 12th 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. @ 300 W. Douglas Suite 405 Wichita, KS. NaviLens now has a feature on the app that will have a live sign language interpreter.
- B. Guiding Paws & Legends Project 1st Annual Fundraising Sale! On June 21st 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. @ 7001 W. 21 Street, Sedgwick County Extension Building.
- C. Guiding Paws ICT Motorcycle Poker Run on Saturday September 6th 10:00 a.m. @ Twister City Harley-Davidson Park City, Kansas
- D. Downtown Wichita is updating their downtown masterplan. They have an open house to discuss design strategies for the future of downtown Wichita. The event is on June 2nd 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. @ TempleLive 332 E 1st St N.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.