



ADA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Joplin City Hall

602 S. Main

Room 106, 1st Floor Conference Room

3:00 PM

I. Roll Call

Sarah Vargyas Chair – Present

Betty McCartney – Present

Vicki Gray – Present

James Ledford – Not Present

Jeff Hughey – Present

Greg Salzer – Not Present

Tommie Black – Present

A quorum of members was present.

City Staff Present: David Allgood, Human Resources Director, Lynden Lawson Assistant Director of Public Works and, Allison Scribner, Human Resources Specialist recorder of minutes.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed by all members and with one change noted. The Chair entertained a motion to approve with a first and second motion. All members in favor, none opposed, and the minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

III. New Business

Survey questions from committee

Lynden Lawson stated that he has received one email from Sarah Vargyas with survey questions. It was asked if the Committee member can see sample questions to know what type of questions are wanted for the survey. Lynden Lawson will get them, and he will get samples from other cities to show them to

committee member. Lynden will have the committee review the information before it is published on the website.

Allison Scribner brought up the See-Click-Fix app, that can be downloaded onto phones, that allows people to report any thing that they see as not being ADA compliant throughout the City. Allison gave the committee flyers to hand out for the See-Click-Fix app.

IV. Unfinished Business

Survey Questions from the ADA Committee

The committee is instructed to send any additional questions for the survey to Dave Allgood.

Survey on Website

Lynden Lawson is waiting until the new school year starts in September to put the survey on the website. He wants to get some volunteers to help. The questions will be put on the website with the Transition plan. The current transition plan is under forms. Dave and Lynden plan on meeting with the IT Director to find a better place for the transition plan to be.

Transition Plan

Lynden Lawson is reviewing and updating the transition plan. City Council has approved next assessment for remaining 2/3 of the city sidewalks. The estimate has come in lower than they anticipated for the assessment. Within the next six months the information from the assessment should be received. After the assessment is completed, the company will help the city complete the transition plan for this project. Two parts of the transition plan is 1. this is all the issues that we have and 2. How much will it cost to fix. The next step will be to see how much the repairs will cost and how much money will need to be put towards the project each year. This will be a multi-year project. The sidewalks that were repaired due to the 2011 tornado will be assessed also. We will go back and update all the sidewalks in the recovery area. 2013 is when the first assessment was and from then to now will show all the improvements we have made.

Sidewalks

Vicki Gray asked a question about the streets that don't have sidewalks that are main thoroughfares. Lynden Lawson stated that this is an engineering question and that Dan Johnson would be the contact for that question. Vicki G. said there are no sidewalks on the 700-1200 blocks of South St. Louis and there are people who live there with scooters and wheelchairs. Going to store on 7th Street is getting dangerous. Cars are speeding in that area. The Traffic Commission is usually who addresses these issues. The Traffic Commission is coming up with a Traffic Calming Policy but, unfortunately the specific streets in question are major streets so speed tables and speed bumps can't be used there to slow down traffic. Vicki G. suggested that a pedestrian lane is needed and if it is possible to change the striping. Lynden Lawson will mention this to Dan Johnson to see if there is a future project in that area. Allison Scribner will email Vicki Gray the date of the next Traffic Commission meeting.

City of Joplin improvements for ADA

Lynden Lawson brought up striping for the parking lots. Public Works is currently doing the striping over at the justice center and will be adding four additional handicapped parking spaces.

Good news is that an ADA bathroom has been added to the courthouse. It was stated that a lot is getting accomplished for ADA accessibility.

City of Joplin staff attended the ProAg class that was put on by LTAP at the Public Safety Training Center for parking lot striping and other ADA information.

The dumpsters in the parking lot behind City Hall have been moved to the middle of the parking lot to make access easier for ADA vans to drop off people. The City of Joplin Streets crew will need to do additional work to the concrete parking block to allow a wider ADA access. The door on the east side of City Hall will be converted to be ADA accessible and the west door will still be usable. There are not any ADA parking spaces in front of city hall due to trolley access. More ADA parking spots are being added in parking lot behind city hall. ADA parking spaces at the airport have increased. There have been an additional 2 ADA parking spots added at the Justice building.

Police Department and Jail ADA accommodations

It was brought up that the front counter window at police department does not accommodate people in wheelchairs because of its height level Vicki Gray was

wondering who to talk to about the issue. Lynden Lawson stated there might be an accommodation that they make for individuals in wheel chairs. Also, the shower at the jail is not wheelchair accessible. Lynden said an engineer was contacted for an estimate and the cost to make changes to the shower will be in next year's budget. Vicki Gray brought up the food that is served at the jail. Food is an issue for Police Chief Stewart.

Media Contact

Vicki Gray stated that Chris Warner with Channel 7 news has contacted her and has requested that he be kept up-to-date on what the ADA Committee doing and accomplishing. She was told that the information is available the can be requested. The ADA Committee Meeting Minutes are recorded and transcribed and they along with the Agendas are posted on the city website. Vicki just wants information to get out because the committee is doing a lot of good thing.

Due to the natural disasters going on around the city lately, if anyone knows of any disabled people who need any type of help, let Vicki know.

Mohaska Trail

Has it been completed? The City Council has approved the contactor and the construction work has begun. This is an on-going project and is a big project. It's an everyone trail.

V. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, with a first and second and all members present in agreement, the ADA Accessibility Committee meeting was adjourned.