



ADA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 28th, 2021

Joplin City Hall

602 S. Main

5th Floor City Council Chambers

I. Roll Call

Betty McCartney – Present
Vicki Gray – Absent
Shirley Ledford – Present via phone
Naomi Gonzalez – Present
Steve Urie – Present
Kaylah McCullah- Present
Judy Edwards- Present

A quorum of members was present.

City Staff Present: Patrick Hurn, Human Resources Interim Director.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the September 16th, 2020, meeting was reviewed by all members. The Chair entered a motion to approve with a first and second motion. All members in favor, none opposed.

III. New Business

Selection of Chair of the Committee

Patrick Hurn took nominations for Chair and Co-Chair, by ballot. Results of the ballots for Chair 4 for Steve Urie, 1 for Betty McCartney. Steve Urie will have the chair position of the ADA Committee. Co-Chair 4 for Naomi Gonzalez, and 1 for Steve Urie. Naomi Gonzalez will have the Co-Chair position for the ADA Committee. Both Accepted.

Introduction of new Committee Members

Steve U. introduced Judy Edwards.

Ideas on How to get information out and that the ADA committee is available
Public issues need to be directed to Patrick H. and City building and issues need to be directed to Lynden L. If the committee is approached with an issue, they would go the website to submit a complaint form, this is for Citizens to submit issues. This link is to help direct who needs to handle that ADA issue. Patrick will email the link to the committee. Steve U. proposed a question if we could do an article to cover the ADA Committee in the Citizen newsletter. Patrick H. stated he would contact Lynn Onstot to suggest that for the next newsletter to come out. Purposed that we post on the City of Joplin's Facebook page information about the City of Joplin's ADA committee and possibly attach the link for the complaint form, and the ADA website once completed. Steve U. entertained a motion to post on Facebook, Betty M. made the motion that Patrick H. in conjunction with Lynn O. create content for the citizen as well as a post for Facebook on behalf of the ADA Committee. There was a second and the motion passed.

Meeting Day, time and frequency

Steve expressed the issue we have had with time of the meetings and frequency. Last Wednesday of the month at 3:30 in the afternoon. Steve asked for a motion for the last Wednesday of the month at 3:30 in the afternoon. Betty McCartney second, and the motion passed. Frequency, Steve suggested the Committee meets for the next 3 consecutive months and then every other month after that. Due to things such as updating by laws, mission statement. And to come up how to get education out in the community that the committee is formed and available. Patrick expressed that there is ordinance stating the Committee meets quarterly, however they can call into special session additional meetings, if it is announced that it is special session. Betty M. made a motion to have special sessions other than the quarterly meetings. There was a second and the committee was in favor.

Clarification the role of the City in the ADA Committee

Patrick H. explained the role of City in the committee. The City can only address and correct the ADA issues in what the city controls. The City is not able to go into business and require them to change things that are not ADA compliant. We can take complaints and inform the businesses by letter that we have received an ADA complaint. We also notify the state level we have received a complaint.

Handy capped parking signs were covered up with cloths that stated student parking

Steve U. purposed a question that he attended an event at MSSU, all the handy capped parking signs were covered up with cloths that stated student parking. Who would we address that with? Patrick H. state the best avenue would be through the sign shop, which is Public works domain. We need to contact MSSU to find out why that is happening. That once those signs are up, they are not supposed to be altered in any way.

By Laws

Patrick H. handed out the committee by laws, stated he would email by laws out to the committee prior to the next meeting. Patrick reviewed the document, the purpose of the ADA committee. Membership of the committee, and how the committee operates. Once Transition plan and website is launches, we will review and revise the ADA by Laws again.

Steve U. asked a question as how much of the by laws can the committee update? Patrick H.- as far as name, membership rules and terms, those types of items are in line with the other committees. If there is something the committee feels strongly about making changes, we will need to take to Legal to see if we can make changes. Steve U. main question was the mission statement, this would also need to go to legal to change.

Guest in the gallery

Guest 1 Proposed a question that the issue brought to the committee of the parking at MSSU would be violating federal laws. Patrick H. explained our new complaint process and our new complaint form.

Proposed a suggestion that there be a voucher for the trolleys for citizens with disabilities who are trying to get to the Library but are unable to go down 20th street and go up and over the overpass. Question asked is it possible to go around the overpass, it is but they have closed off and there is a railroad.

Guest 2 purpose a liaison for service animals with the ADA committee.

IV. Unfinished Business

City Street Crossing

Steve Urie took two of his neighbors to the 20th and Connecticut crossing, to time for the red-light adjustment section and based on what they experienced nothing has been done as of yet. Going east to west there was not enough time to completely cross all the lanes before the total stop sign.

Patrick will follow up with Lynden Lawson to get an update to verify if there had been anything done to extend the crossing time.

ADA Website

Patrick H. explained that the reason why the website has taken so long to get up and running. That the website will be an ever-changing website that as laws and changes happen, we will update the website. Once this website is up and running it will be the primary source for any ADA resources or issues to be reported to expressed.

Transition Plan and Survey Questions

Steve U entertained a motion to table until the next meeting when we could receive and update from Lynden L. Motion was granted and a second, all were in favor.

V. Adjournment

Steve U. proposed a motion for the next meeting for Wednesday May 26th at 3:30 pm. Motion and second was approved by the committee.

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.