ADA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Joplin City Hall
602 S. Main
4th Floor Conference Room
2:00 PM

I. Roll Call

Betty McCartney – Present
Vicki Gray – Not Present
James Ledford – Present
Jeff Hughey – Present
Greg Salzer – Not Present
Tommie Black – Not Present
Steve Urie - Present
Camille Turner – Guest

A quorum of members was present.

City Staff Present: Dave Allgood, Human Resources Director, Lynden Lawson, Assistant Director of Public Works, Allison Scribner, Human Resources Specialist, Trish Smith, Human Resources, recorder of minutes, Carrie Mercadante, Senior Clerk, Engineering.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the October 8, 2019, meeting were reviewed by all members. The Chair entertained a motion to approve with a first and second motion. All members in favor, none opposed, and the minutes from the October 8, 2019, meeting were approved.

III. New Business

<u>New ADA Accessibility Committee Member</u>
New member Steve Urie was present and welcomed to the committee.

Election of new Chairperson
James Ledford was nominated and approved as the new ADA Accessibility Committee Chairperson.

Street Crossing
Lynden Lawson stated that he contacted MoDot and the amount of time given to cross the street at 7th and St. Louis and 7th and Range Line has been lengthened. MoDot is also looking to make changes to the crossing at 2nd and Maiden Lane.

Service Dogs
Guest Camille stated that the management in the NHC Nursing Home have been more welcoming to service dogs. Dave Allgood stated that he will get some additional information regarding service dogs for the next meeting.

Employment Applications
The list of businesses who don't have paper applications was not provided. The City of Joplin has both paper and online application. As a reminder, Workforce will provide assistance to people to help fill out applications.

Polling Places
A question was brought up about the polling places in Joplin. Are they ADA accessible? Lynden Lawson stated that the polling places fall under the jurisdiction of the County, but he will have the City Clerk call the County to get a list of the polling places and to see if they are ADA accessible.

Police Parking
Lynden has signed off on construction of ADA Rams on both sides of 3rd Street, from Police Department to Court House, to make crossing street easier. More ADA parking spaces will be added in the Police Department parking lot.

Senior Center
A question was asked if the Senior Center is ADA accessible. Since it is a newly constructed building, it was built up to code.

IV. Unfinished Business

Transition Plan
Lynden Lawson gave an update on the Transition Plan. The Transition Plan was originally adopted in 1993. It was updated in 2018 and is due to be

updated again in 2020. Lynden showed a presentation to the committee members highlighting the work on the sidewalks that has been completed in the tornado zone. An assessment is currently being done by Olsson Engineering of the other 2/3 of the sidewalks in Joplin. The assessment is projected to be completed by June.

ADA Website

Lynden Lawson and Carrie Mercadante showed the work that has been completed on the ADA Website. It is located on the City of Joplin Website under Departments. The Website is not activated yet, as there is still more information that needs to be added. The Website should be active by the end of February. The Transition Plan will be available on the Website. The Website will show the Parks and trails in the City that have ADA accommodations. The ADA Committee Members will be listed on the Website.

Ramp for ADA access at City Hall

Lynden Lawson stated that an ADA access button has been placed on the east door of City Hall. The ADA access ramp at the west door does not meet code. There is not ADA access at the north door since the slope is wrong and can't be fixed.

Front counter window at the Police Department

Lynden Lawson stated that there will be a buzzer installed at the front counter.

Jail Shower access for wheelchairs

Lynden Lawson stated he has met with a consultant and Chief of Police regarding the Sally Port and ADA shower for the jail. These projects are being completed at the same time.

Mohaska Trail update

Lynden Lawson stated that the Mohaska Trail has been completed. Maps of all the trails located in the City will be available on the ADA Website.

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.

The next meeting will be in April 2020 and will be held in City Hall, Room 106, 1st Floor Conference Room.