ADA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, March 27th, 2018
Joplin City Hall
602 S. Main
Room 106, 1st Floor Conference Room
2:00 PM

I. Roll Call

Sarah Vargyas Chair – Present
Betty McCartney – Not Present
Vicki Gray – Not Present
James Ledford – Present
Jeff Hughey – Not Present
Greg Salzer – Present
Tommie Black – Present

A quorum of members was present.
City Staff Present: David Allgood, Human Resources Director, Allison Scribner, Human Resources Assistant/ recorder of minutes. Dan Johnson, Assistant Public Works Director.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed by all members and with no changes 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

Sarah V.- Police policies dealing with disabled citizens. We will get an update at the next meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business

Sidewalks

Dan J. stated there is a lot of new sidewalks being built, putting in ADA ramps at several intersections that did not previously have ramps that will continue to happen. The Future project is being funded by Metropolitan Planning

Organization those funds are being used for the remaining sidewalks for the entire City of Joplin. They must go through the process to get that done. From the local MPO they are on board, then to select and budget with the State. Ed Whitmore will be working on this plan and is just now starting. Dan explains what JATSO is a MPO to handle the federal funds that come back to us. These funds have to be handled not just for the City of Joplin but also the Metropolitan area as well. The MPO is on board and is excited to move forward with improve the sidewalks. 4006 and 4004 have gone or are going to counsel, and the Jacobs area is going to counsel next. They are looking at extending out the program because they have done really well on the budgets the overall recovery program. The program was designed to working on damaged infrastructure. Tommie B. asked if the sidewalks in the tornado zone was to be worked on first. Dan J. stated that he was right that the area that is called the "fish" or the tornado zone has to be spent in the fish and they cannot expand passed that. The city had more things to fix than what they had money for. They had 60 million to repair the infrastructure or the CDBG money. Dan J. explains how they will be doing the GIS next as well. How that will be processed for the new maps to show the layers of the different degree of the sidewalks and their damage. Tommie B. showed concern on
21st and Annie Baxter by the Stained-Glass Theater. Dan J. will be looking into that location to see what will be addressed there. How there is a plan and an evaluation of the areas and how much it would cost to fix things. The programs have to be stretched over a period of time. GIS the fiscal work will be done in the fall and in the beginning of the year 2019 will be when the contract will be drawn up.

Chamber Doors

Dave A. the doors are finished. There is a buzzer that has been installed and can be heard throughout the building. Sarah V. gave the committee an over of the issues with the Chamber of Commerce for Joplin's doors and how they were so hard to open.

V. Other Business

Transition Plan

James L. talked about how the transition plan and sidewalk issue go hand in hand. The committee will consider with the tool kit. Dave A. said everything is moving on well with updating the transition plan.

ADA Committee By Laws

The committee had received the bylaws of the ADA committee and to start looking at them to see if they would like to update them. To look at all the things the committee covers and to see if we are on track, also look over the duties of the committee. Possibly looking at the training and what the ADA law is. Possible setting up learning sessions. Tommie B. suggested voting since we had a quorum. Dave talked about his role as ADA coordinator and how the City of Joplin is actually ahead of the game because we have a Transition Plan in 1993 with updates in the early 2000s. The City was also doing what the Transition Plan was actually taking place but we were not updating the plan in the paper world.

Tommie B. recommended we continue to look at possible training for future meetings. Dave A. will be searching out training opportunities, things like Star 12 and different things.

VI. 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.