ADA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19th, 2017
Joplin City Hall
602 S. Main
3rd Floor
3:00 PM

I. Roll Call

Don Helms – Not Present
Sarah Vargyas – Present
Betty McCartney – Present
Vicki Gray- Present
James Ledford- Present
Karen Perea- Not Present

A quorum of members was present.
City Staff Present: David Allgood, Human Resources Director, Patrick Hurn, Assistant Human Resources Director, Lauren Oney-Stadler, and Allison Scribner Human Resources Assistant/ recorder of minutes. Robert Lolley, Public works transit department.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed by all members and with no changes noted, the Vice Chair entertained a motion to approve, with a first and second motion, all members in favor, none opposed, the minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

III. New Business

Nominating a Chairperson

Nominate for Chair, Sarah Vargyas by Betty McCartney, seconded by James Ledford.
Nominate for Vice Chair, Betty McCartney by Sarah Vargyas, Seconded by James Ledford.

Grandfather Clause
Lauren, discussed how the "Grandfather clause" is not a true thing. That businesses must comply with ADA laws even if they are a "granfathered" business. Therefore, the chamber must comply with adjusting their doors to make them ADA compliant.

Fred n Reds
They are completely ADA compliant. They did a total remodel to where they could be ADA accessible. Lower counters for ADA accessibility.

IV. Unfinished Business

Chamber of Commerce
Sarah V. discussed how she had contacted the Department of Justice and they were not concerned with our issue with the Chamber of Commerce. Lauren, contacted Tonya Sprinkle. Tonya had said it would be too expensive to correct the doors. Jeff Tennis told Lauren that the Chamber would be able to put on an ADA accessible hinge for the door that would not be as expensive. Rob O'Brian emailed Lauren that they were having contractors were looking at the doors and that they were working towards getting them ADA accessible. He stated that they should have more answers by June.

V. Other Business

Family Services Building
Vicki Gray stated that the doors are not very ADA accessible. The ramp is very steep to be used for wheel chairs. She also stated there was a security guard however the guard cannot see people coming up the ramp to help. Vicki G. said she would contact them with the help of Sarah V. to see if anything could be done.

ADA Coordinator
James Ledford asked if the City of Joplin had an ADA Coordinator. Robert Lolley stated that Dave Allgood was the ADA coordinator. He would be the person you would file a grievance with. Who is experienced with the Article II information. Dave Allgood stated how he alone has very little power. This is the reason for the ADA Committee is formed to move forward in taking action through the city.

Transition Plan
James Ledford brought to the Committee's attention that the City of Joplin needs to have a transition plan, and the transition plan needs to be put into place

by law. The transition plan is to coordinate public ride-ways, sidewalks, and different infrastructure for the City of Joplin to be ADA compliant. Robert L. stated how we do have a transition plan. That the COJ puts money into sidewalks every year to move towards having the transition plan in place.

Sidewalks

Vicki G. brought to the committee's attention about the sidewalk issues on St. Louis. How there needs to be ADA accessible sidewalks through that area because of the high traffic areas. Robert L. stated how there would be issues with the rail road tracks being there and how we wouldn't be able to make the sidewalks ADA accessible.

Title II

James L brought to the committee's attention about Title II. He stated he would send Allison the link for her to send out so all of the committee can review Title II. This is to ensure the city is moving forward to become more ADA accessible.

Contractors Road Work

Robert L brought to the committee's attention the different road work being done around the city by outside contractors, and how the sidewalks have been torn up by them.

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.