ADA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 5th, 2017
Joplin City Hall
602 S. Main
Room 106, 1st Floor Conference Room
3:00 PM

I. Roll Call

Sarah Vargyas – Present
Betty McCartney – Present
Vicki Gray- Not Present
James Ledford- Present
Jeff Hughey- Present
Greg Salzer- Present

A quorum of members was present.
City Staff Present: David Allgood, Human Resources Director, Allison Scribner Human Resources Assistant/ recorder of minutes. Robert Lolley, Public works transit department. Dan Johnson Asst. 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, the minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

III. New Business

Greg Salzer introduced himself to the committee.
Jeff Hughey introduced himself to the committee.

South side of 20th- Dan J. informed the committee of the issue on how they are redoing 20th and what the schedule was including the water main and then redoing the side walk on top of the water main. They pushed the project forward to coincided with 20th street.

IV. Unfinished Business

Chamber of Commerce

Sarah V. it opens nicely at first, then it closes quickly and is to heave. Sarah V. learned that ADA accessible doors must a certain weight. Nothing more has been done with the doors. Greg S. suggested that we measure the doors vs. the pounds. Sarah V. asked what is the requirements for the doors. Committee discussed how the power assist is just an accessory that a door can have. Dave Allgood suggested sending the Chamber another letter to see where their progress is. James L. stated the door must open at 90 degrees for at least 5 seconds. The committee originally recommended a door bell.

V. Other Business

Family Services Building

Sarah V. met with the state at the Family Services Building and they said that the door must be at least 5 to 20 pounds. Richard Parks along with two inspectors met with Sarah V. along with Robert, Brandon, and Brian. The inspectors stated that the ramp was fine. The doors were slamming shut on people. They said they were going to recommended the doors shut more slowly. Sarah V. said she should be receiving a letter.

Transition Plan

Dave A. stated that the transition plan is in place. James L. requested a copy of the transition plan. Dave explained how the plan has been processed and what the transition plan does. Dave A. agreed that the transition plan needs to be updated. James L. stated that it also agrees how it addresses sidewalks and things like that. Sarah V. asked how is responsible for updating it? Dave A. answered the committee. Dan J. talked about how we take the City section by section to update the sidewalks and the roads to work towards becoming completely ADA compliant. Dave A. stated in 1988 it was $600 an ADA ramp the total cost would be $2 million.

Sidewalks on St. Louis

Sarah V. said that it is very narrow and there are no sidewalks. There are several people walking up and down the street. Dan J. stated that it is on the City's unfunded needs list. It was turned down when it was voted on. Right now, it is not on the current list. Dan J. stated when building sidewalks and bike lanes will be ADA accessible.

4th St Construction

Dan J. stated how there was disagreements between City staff and AT&T on the construction. They have reached an agreement with MGE to make patch work

with new sidewalks, except when there is a long stretch of sidewalks at the wrong slope. We cannot make MGE pay for the long stretch of sidewalks redone. Dan J. discussed how the reconstructions of the roads when you replace the side walk you must replace the section with a ADA complaint ramp.

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.