ADA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, July 17th, 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 – Not Present
Jeff Hughey – 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. Patrick Hurn, Assistant Director of Human Resources.

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

<u>Weeds at the Airport</u>

Mr. Salzer brought the concern of ramps at the airport being overgrown with weeds, which would interfere with accessibility. Mr. Salzer noted he saw this in early July. Mrs. Vargyas suggested the airport be contacted for maintenance for the ramps. The further discussion was brought up.

Unfinished Sidewalks

Mr. Black mentioned that on 26th Street, he noticed there was no ADA ramps and worked needed to be finished still on one side of the road. Mr. Black asked about the current status about the funding for the project. Mr. Allgood explained that the person fitted with that knowledge would be the engineering representative, who was not present at the current meeting. Mr. Allgood also mentioned that the post tornado rebuilding process tends to be done in sections, while going back over with any additional funds to make improvements. Mr. Black wanted to know more about the funding regarding the sidewalks, but was pleased with the work done to them so far.

IV. Unfinished Business

Transition Plan and By Laws

Mrs. Vargyas brought up by laws for the ADA Committee. Mr. Allgood explained that the by laws are as up to date as possible, mentioning that the City of Joplin follows them as well as businesses throughout the city. Mr. Allgood went on to talk about the Transition Plan, telling the committee that the data base is a work in progress. He mentioned that converting to this data base will help us find requirements that have already been done but not implemented in the plan. Mr. Allgood talked about the importance of the ADA meetings, including the citizens, internal, and within the region.

Training for ADA

Mr. Allgood talked about training new members for ADA, the problem being there is no set method or template to do it by. Mr. Hurn explained that this training for ADA will be used on both the committee and supervisors to make sure ADA represents and how it works. The training will be interactive 45 minute tutorial and how to deal with discrimination, compliance with ADA, and an overall view of ADA in general. Patrick suggested that there would be a follow up on training with the Legal Department to address any issues specific to the City of Joplin. Mr. Allgood pointed out this training can be done during the committee by simply adding extra time during the meeting.

Mr. Salzer explained there is only so much you can do with what you know. Members of the committee pointed out an incident of a polling location not having the appropriate set up for a blind voter and the hassle it could cause if

the city lacks similar ADA processes. It was further explained that some levels of government of different obligations, mentioning that the federal government had to comply with this but more local governments did not.

Mrs. Scribner suggested that it would be easier to do the training as a group. Tommie Black made a motion to do the training on a different date before the next ADA meeting. Once Mrs. Scribner informed the committee of the next meeting, there was a second. Mr. Hurn explained he had no problem with any time for the training. The committee voted to have the training on Monday September 24th, at 2:00 p.m. with all members voting in favor.

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Black was curious about the Conflict of Interest rules and regulations, however a copy was not prepared for this meeting.

Mr. Black goes on to praise the work of the Public Works crew for what is occurring at Annie Baxter.

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.