

Topeka ADA Advisory Council Meeting

Feb. 10, 2021 Minutes

Attendance

All Advisory Council Members Present: Anthony Fadale, Annette Caraway, Kim Dietrich, Marilyn Lind, Ronda Hubbard, Joe Cheray, Steve Schoenberg, Frank Kent, Marie Carter, and Jeff Williams.

City Staff Present: COT ADA Coordinator Brian Faust, P.E., and David Bevens, Assistant

Welcome & Introductions - None

Additions and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Frank moved, Anthony seconded approval of the minutes and agenda. Passed unanimously.

Public Comments, Public Outreach

None

Selection of ADA Advisory Council Chair and Vice Chair: Steve Schoenberg was voted in as chair; Frank Kent as Vice Chair.

Old Business

Subcommittee Reports

Parking: Joe said she is preparing a draft of questions for a survey to be posted and will share with the group when complete for discussion

Recognition Program: Marilyn shared with the group the general idea of the past recognition program. Businesses that weren't required to provide ADA accessibility but did anyway were candidates for recognition; so were individuals with a disability who excelled at their chosen field.

Anthony said the program should focus on recognizing those who provide integrated employment opportunities that serve those with a disability well. Steve agreed. Marilyn said that it should include those who have regular paying job and not just volunteers, too. Steve suggested making a list of the criteria. David said he would send out the link to the Austin program again so ideas could be drawn from it.

Social Media: Joe asked for permissions to use the ADA Facebook and Twitter pages. David to ask Molly. David said he would send Joe a copy of the City's Social Media Policy. Frank and Anthony both said that the ADA pages should be consistent with the overarching theme of what the City has in place. Annette asked that captions and audio descriptions be included in any videos produced. Joe mentioned that there is a pay service called Otter.AI for deaf people; said it is very accurate.

Report on any ADA compliance complaints & Non-ADA Council related issues/questions

- No changes regarding previous complaints.

- Marilyn said the Shunga Trail is too narrow and doesn't accommodate walkers like it should for those wanting to walk side by side because of the bicycle traffic.

Non-ADA Council related issues/questions – None

Much of the February agenda was tabled and will be picked up in March.

Schedule next meeting – March 10

Meeting Adjourned