

## **Topeka ADA Advisory Council Meeting**

### **March 10, 2021 Minutes**

#### **Attendance**

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

City Staff Present: Interim COT ADA Coordinator Mark Schreiner, P.E., and David Bevens, Assistant

#### **Welcome & Introductions - None**

#### **Additions and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

Approval of the minutes and agenda.

#### **Public Comments, Public Outreach**

Anthony shared information about the vaccination process for those in Shawnee County who need a vaccine but don't want to get out. Those wanting one should contact their Independent Living Counselor. Jayhawk Pharmacy is providing the service and it takes about 25 minutes.

Joe shared that there are two bills in the Kansas Legislature, SB 154 and HB 2046, which was in the appropriations committee. Joe asked all to reach out to the committees. In short, SB 154 and HB 2046 states: "Increasing reimbursement rates for providers of home and community-based services under the intellectual or developmental disability waiver, making appropriations for such rates and providing for legislative review of the waiting list for such services." HB 2046 states:

#### **Old Business**

##### **Subcommittee Reports**

**Parking:** It was asked that everyone send Joe any changes to the survey questions by the beginning of the week after the meeting. There was a possibility that they would be voted on before the next meeting.

**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.

**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. Those were:
  - SNCO Motor Vehicle Annex – gap causing difficulty in using a wheelchair
  - Huntoon & McAllister – curb cuts needed on drives across sidewalks
  - Stone House Animal Clinic – front door difficult to open

Non-ADA Council related issues/questions – None

Schedule next meeting – April 14

Meeting Adjourned