

Topeka ADA Advisory Council Meeting

June 9, 2021 Minutes

Attendance

Advisory Council Members Present: Anthony Fadale, Annette Caraway, Joe Cheray, Steve Schoenberg, and Marilyn Lind

Absent: Ronda Hubbard, Marie Carter, Kim Dietrich, and Frank Kent

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

Welcome & Introductions

Susan McClacherty, Valley Park NIA Vice President, spoke on her concerns about Bird scooters. Specifically, her complaint was about how they are parked on sidewalks and how they affect those in wheelchairs. Scooter availability is citywide. Several locations were mentioned about how they lay around. The group discussed the need for education, monitoring, and Council awareness and followed up by committing to follow-up on the issue.

Susan also brought-up ramp placement and asked how they are determined where they go. Mark

mentioned to David and he relayed it to the group that the process we follow is in the Pedestrian Master Plan. The City targets various geographical areas annually and also adds locations as complaints come in.

Erica, citizen, also attended and participated in the Scooter discussion.

Additions and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Approval of the minutes and agenda.

Public Comments, Public Outreach – None

Old Business

Subcommittee Reports

Parking: Much of the discussion was around launching the survey. The survey was scheduled to launch on June 1 and close June 30.

Joe said there were 130 responses so far. She also said she would contact 13 and 27 to get on their programs.

Emergency Management: No new discussion

Recognition Program: No new discussion

LE Training Review: No new discussion

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

- SNCO Motor Vehicle Annex – gap causing difficulty in using a wheelchair – no change
- Huntoon & McAllister – curb cuts needed on drives across sidewalks – seek repairs using ADA ramp program; the sidewalk is actually privately owned. City would have to get permission to make changes.
- Stone House Animal Clinic – front door difficult to open – David will speak to them, stop in.

Non-ADA Council related issues/questions

There was some discussion about the State's housing study. [Clarification requested from the group on July 14; information will be added to minutes.]

Schedule next meeting – June 9

Meeting Adjourned