

Topeka ADA Advisory Council Meeting
July 14, 2021 Minutes

Attendance

Advisory Council Members Present: Anthony Fadale, Joe Cheray, Steve Schoenberg, Kim Dietrich, and Marilyn Lind

Absent: Frank Kent and Annette Caraway,

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

Guest: Susan McClacherty, Valley Park resident

Welcome & Introductions

Susan McClacherty, Valley Park, was again a guest.

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 311 total responses. Next step is to review. Joe, Steve and Dave to meet via Zoom to discuss.

Anthony said it would be good once reviewed to share with the City Parking Division. Joe agreed and said that we should share with other City and County groups that would have an interest in the report for their input.

Susan said she had sent the survey to USD 437 and the Green Machine group.

Anthony suggested putting the survey on the Goals and Accomplishments list.

Emergency Management: No new discussion

Recognition Program: No new discussion

LE Training Review:

Joe said she plans to continue working on exploring different trainings, etc. now that the survey project is nearly complete. Steve said he would also like to be involved.

Extend the Meeting from 1 hour to 1.5 hours:

Group voted 5-0 to extend the meeting to 1.5 hours.

Scooter Discussion:

It was reported that Adam Davis with Bird Scooters, spoke of geofencing capabilities deployed by his company to keep track of scooters. There have been modifications to the system to help with keeping scooters parked where they are supposed to be.

Someone mentioned that a Nextdoor posting told about a blind person falling over a scooter left on a sidewalk.

The company is addressing the issues, according to Adam's report to the City Council.

One neighborhood is doing a petition against the way the scooter program has been deployed and monitored; want to see change.

Steve suggested more research be done on the scooter issue; suggested to wait until after the August meeting

where the Parking Survey should be wrapped up with next steps determined.

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

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 – August 11

Meeting Adjourned