

# **ADA Advisory Council Minutes – Sept. 7, 2021**

## **Attendance**

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

Absent: Frank Kent

City Staff Present: David Bevens, Assistant

City Staff Not Present: Interim COT ADA Coordinator Mark Schreiner, P.E.

## **Welcome & Introductions**

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

Approval of the minutes and agenda.

## **Public Comments, Public Outreach – None**

## **Old Business**

**Bird Scooters – Review letter to COT Administration and Vote on the matter** – The letter and addendum were discussed. Joe said it should be sent to City Manager Brent Trout, all 10 members of the Governing Body, and the Interim Police Chief. All

agreed. Joe moved to approved, Kim seconded it. Motioned carried 7-0.

**Review ADA Accessible Parking Survey; plan the next steps.** – Joe reported that there were several people that wanted to be contacted via email regarding questions and concerns. Joe said she would divide up the list and share with Steve and David to craft and respond with answers.

### **Review/Restart Subcommittee Work**

**Emergency Management** – No change

**LE Training Review** – No Change

**Webpage** – Again, the group discussed updating the webpage, including photos. Joe, who is involved in the survey work, repeated what she said during the August meeting that would be her next focus as soon as the Parking Survey action items are underway.

Anthony said that the page should developed by City Staff as any other page. David will assist. David and Joe were told to contact Molly and

work with her. [Oct. 10 update: Molly's last day with the City is Friday, Oct. 15.]

## **New business**

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

#### **Non-ADA Council related issues/questions**

**Masks** – Anthony said that masks are still required on City buses and Robert pointed out that Metro has had the word out for a month that come September 7, Metro will no longer be providing free masks. Those who don't have a mask won't ride.

#### **Absentee/Non-Responsive (to Maintenance Issues)**

**Landlords** – Steve mentioned the recent article in the newspaper about a landlord from out-of-state that doesn't maintain his properties in Topeka. He has a substantial number of units here. Steve said he is the same one that runs his complex and is concerned about issues that need mitigated and is the landlord's responsibility. Robert said that maybe the United Way group that convened to address COVID-19 challenges, a group made up of

representatives from most area social service providers in Shawnee County, could assist in creating a strategy or services in these types of situations. Steve agreed, saying it is best to have information out before a landlord failure like was portrayed in the article.

**Schedule next meeting – Oct. 13**

**Adjourned**