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ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

1:00 pm, [Zoom Meeting](#)

Members Present: Steve Schoenberg, Chair, Joe Cheray, Vice Chair, Anthony Fadale, Kim Dietrich, Michael Byington, and Carrie Hagemann and Aricles "Wulf" James

Members Absent: Nicholas Trammell and Robert Nugent

City Staff: City Staff: Ernestor De La Rosa, Chief DEI Officer and ADA Coordinator, Zaynah Afada, DEI Specialist & David Bevens, Communications Specialist.

Guest: Sara Hale, Marilyn Lind

- Welcome & Introductions:
- Public Comments, Public Outreach
- Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Both the agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.
- Public Comment: None
- New Business:
 - KOMA Training video
 - Ernestor asked if members of the Advisory Council viewed it. Several members said they had not. He encouraged all to do so.
 - Governing Body Annual Presentation debrief
 - Several members were impressed at the quality of questions the Governing Body members asked; felt they were more aware of issues that they realized. Advisory Council members the Topeka Fire Department's SAFE Program. The group asked the Fire Department representative to be present at a future meeting. The person in charge of the City's Accessibility Program, more specifically services for barrier removal at home, will present at the May meeting.
- Old Business:
 - Bird Scooter Discussion
 - Ernestor said the best time to address concerns about the Scooter program is at the time the company wants to renew its service here.
 - City of Topeka Website redesign
 - Ernestor reported that the City is in the process of hiring a firm to redesign the website. Enhanced features for those with disabilities are included in the contract.

- ADA compliance complaints:
 - Ernestor said the following complaints or request are under consideration by the appropriate City department and that ADA staff would report back. They are:
 - NOTO parking north of Gordon St. on Kansas Avenue - ongoing
 - Request for “blind friendly” crossing at 17th and 19th and Gage intersections. Plans are in the works for adding those at 17th St. but not at 19th .
 - SW 29th St. sidewalk sections - on-going

- Non-ADA Council issues or questions:

- Next meeting- Wednesday, **May 10, 2023, 1:00 pm**

- Adjourn: 1:40 p.m. due to Zoom time restraints.