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ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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

Members Present: Steve Schoenberg, Chair, Joe Cheray, Vice Chair, Carrie Hagemann, Kim Dietrich, Michael Byington, Aricles “Wulf” James, Anthony Fadale, Bob Nugent, and Nicholas Trammell.

Members Absent: None

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

Guests: Alan Stahl, City of Topeka Fire Marshall

- Welcome & Introductions:
- Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Michael moved to approve; Carrie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- New Business:
 - Special Assistance in Fire Emergencies – Alan Stahl, City of Topeka, Fire Marshall conducted a presentation regarding the City’s special assistance program within the Topeka’s Fire Department. ADA Advisory Board members had an opportunity to ask questions related to the program.
 - ADA Grievance Process- Ernestor shared with the board that City staff discovered the need to establish the ADA grievance process for the public. City staff is working on this process and will be completed and presented to the board in July.
- Old Business:
 - Steve and Ernestor shared feedback about their attendance at the ADA National Symposium. Both shared how informative it was and opened the door for new resources/assistance that will be useful as we continue to do this work. Steve mentioned how much he appreciated and found important the presentation related to Emergency Preparedness.
- ADA compliance complaints:

Ernestor said that the following are in various stages of the implementation process in City Engineering.

 - NOTO parking north of Gordon St. on Kansas Avenue. Included in in the FY 2024

budget and is to be completed in the near future.

- Project of completion for “blind friendly” street crossings on SW Gage Blvd. at SW 17th.
- SW 29th St. sidewalk sections on the north side in poor condition between SW Indian Trail and SW Gage Blvd. Ongoing.

- Next meeting- Wednesday, **July 12, 2023, 1:00 pm**
 - The board requests that the Shawnee County Emergency Management Office make a presentation at our next meeting.

- Adjourned - 2 p.m.