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ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 19th, 2023

1:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

Present: Chair Steve Schoenberg, Anthony Fadale, Michael Byington, Wulf James, Monique Harvesters, Carrie Hageman, Kim Dietrich, Nicholas Trammell, Joe, Susan,

Members Absent:

- Welcome & Introductions: Monique Harvester introduced herself as the new members the ADA Committee.
- Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Carrie move to approve; Michael seconded. Motion pass unanimously
- New Business:
 - Invitation to the ADA 33rd Anniversary: Ernestor discussed the location of the celebration. Details of the event can be found in previous emails. Kim shared more information about the event including location and community awards that will be given.
 - ADA 33rd Anniversary and Governing Body Recognition: Steve thanked all members of the ADA committee for their work and briefly talked about the proclamation from the Governing Body regarding the ADA 33rd Anniversary.
- Old Business:
 - City's ADA Grievance Process: Ernestor shared information on the grievance procedure for ADA. Stating the information was shared with all members of the committee through an email. The information will be in both English and Spanish and will be posted on the City's website. Ernestor received feedback from members of the committee. The committee decided to table the conversation on the grievance process and continue during the following meeting. Motion to table the grievance process moved by Michael and seconded by Wulf. Motion passed unanimously.
- ADA compliance complaints:
 - SW 29th St. Sidewalk sections on the north side in poor condition between SW Indian Trail and SW Gage Blvd: Ernestor share the complaint on Quincy and 8th has been addressed. This current concern is being worked on with public works.

Michael recommended public works provide alternate routes to construction for accessibility.

- Public Comment:
 - Wulf shared information about the Kansas Disability Rights Center on disaster preparedness. They will share information to Ernestor and anyone interested.
 - Michael share that the Fire Department's SAFE form should include where a person sleeping room is for emergencies. Michael also shared concerns regarding the intersection of 8th St and Quincy St. needs accessible traffic signals. Michael also shared concerns regarding intersection of 8th and Kansas Ave related to outdated accessible traffic signals.
 - Carrie shared concerns of the Fire Department's SAFE form not having an area to add information about service animals.
 - Michael and Wulf shared concerns related to the pedestrian crossing (RRFS) located on 10th and Gage Ave. The concern raised was in relation to not providing enough time for pedestrians to cross the street.
 - Joe shared that an ADA resource list is being created for Democratic Disability Caucus and asked if the ADA Advisory Council could be added to the list. Ernestor stated he will need more information and would check with the legal team for their review and approval.

- Next meeting- Wednesday, **August 9th, 2023, 1:00 pm**
 - The chair requested to have a presentation and presentation from the Shawnee County Emergency Management.

- Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.