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## ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13th, 2023

1:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

Present: Chair Steve Schoenberg, Anthony Fadale, Michael Byington, Monique Vopat, Carrie Hageman, Kim Dietrich, Nicholas Trammell, Joe Cheray-Wildheart, & Bob Nugent

Members Absent: Wulf James

ASL Interpreter: Doris

Guests: Marilyn Lind, Monique Glaudé, ShaMecha King Simms, & Susan McClacherty

Staff: Ernestor De La Rosa & Zaynah Afada

- Welcome & Introductions: Members present introduced themselves to visitors.
- Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Ernestor stated that the minutes for the July 19 meeting were revised as requested by the ADA advisory Council. Motion to accept the minutes as presented for July and August meetings was made by Carrie and seconded by Monique. Motion was passed unanimously.
- New Business:
  - City of Topeka Community Engagement Department Presentation: Monique Glaudé provided a presentation to members of the ADA Advisory Council regarding digital accessibility and the Topeka Shawnee County Get Digital Coalition. Members present expressed their concerns and asked questions regarding training and accessibility for the distribution of the computer devices.
  - Poverty Simulation: ShaMecha king Simms provided information on the community wide poverty simulation and further explained what the simulation would look like for members who will participate. ShaMecha shared that the poverty simulation is looking for volunteers and ask members present to consider becoming a volunteer for the event.
  - Quincy St. Street Parking: Joe shared concerns regarding the parking issue in downtown Topeka on Quincy specifically for bikes. Joe share concerns of how the parking would affect individuals with vision impairment. Ernestor provided information on the new parking design and where to find accessible parking near

city hall. Ernestor shared that he could request public works to do a presentation on the project if needed. Michael expressed how the change could potentially affect a visually impaired person either as a driver or as a passenger.

- Old Business:
  - Bird Scooters: Steve shared he has not seen a lot of scooters in the area. Ernestor provided information on the contract which will expire in October 2026. The full contract was shared with all members of the ADA Advisory Council.
  - The rest of the agenda has been moved to the October 11, 2023 meeting with the grievance procedure being first on the agenda under Old Business.
- Public Comment:
  - None
- Next meeting- Wednesday, October 11, 2023
- Adjourn – 2:09 p.m.