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ADA Advisory Council Agenda

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

1:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

Present: Chair Joe Charey, Vice-Chair Kim Dietrich, Steve Schoenberg, Michael Byington, ASL Interpreter Doris, Carrie Hageman, Bob Nugent, Monique Vopat, Melanie ASL Interpreter Nicholas Trammell.

Members Absent: Wulf Roby, Anthony Fadale

Welcome & Introduction:

- <u>Approval of Agenda and Minutes:</u> Steve motioned to approve the agenda, and Michael seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Michael moved to accept the meeting minutes for March 21, 2024. Carrie Seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

• New Business:

<u>City Commitment to the National League of City:</u> Monique Glaude' shared that the City was awarded \$30,000 through the National League of Cities Inclusive Entrepreneurs program. \$15,000 will go to Anchor Procurement efforts, and the other \$15,000 will go to Hispanic Latino Entrepreneur Businesses. She shared information about the Anchor Procurement event and encouraged council members to reach out should they be interested in volunteering.

Old Business:

 August and October ADA Event Dates and Times: Members of the ADA decided on August 1st or 7th for the first session being Public Accommodation and Service Animal.

Joe recommends forming a subcommittee to work on the presentations on Public Accommodation and Service Animals with Ray Petty. Steve motioned to form a subcommittee, and Michael seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Michael and Carrie volunteered to participate in the subcommittee.

• The Equally Affective Communication presentation will take place on either October 2nd or 8th. Michael motioned for a subcommittee for the Equally Affective Communication presentation. Carrie seconded the motions. Motion Passed unanimously. Steve, Joe, and Michael expressed interest in participating on the subcommittee for Equally Affective Communication. Joe will ask Anthony Fadel if he is interested in participating in the Subcommittee.

• Public Comment:

- o Joe and Michael shared that they attended the City Manager Meet and greet along with the conversations they had with that city manager.
- Michael stated there was no notice of who to contact for accommodation for the City Manager Meet and Greet. The city needs to keep accommodation and accessibility in mind when planning events for the public.
- Steve thanked the City of Topeka for Language accessibility and accommodations.
- O Council Member asked for ASL interpreters for the April 16th Council meeting. Michael suggested the city should have ASL interpreters in the regularly scheduled governing body meeting. Joe suggested an ASL overlay of the meeting.

• ADA Coordinator Update:

- Next meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2024
- Adjourn Meeting 2:00