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ADA Advisory Council Agenda

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

1:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

Present: Chair Joe Charey, Vice-Chair Kim Dietrich, Robert Nugent, Monique Vopat, Anthony Fadale, Carrie Hageman, Steve Schoenberg

Members Absent: Wulf Roby, Michael Byington

Visitors: ASL Interpreter Tonya, ASL Interpreter Jessica, Stephen Ray (ADT), Jessica Espinoza (ADT), Ray Petty,

Staff: Community Engagement Director and Interim DEI Officer Monique Glaude', Diversity Equity and Inclusion Sr. Program Coordinator Zaynah Afada

Welcome & Introduction:

- Approval of Agenda and Minutes:
 - Steve motioned to approve the agenda, and Carrie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Joe motioned to approve the meeting minutes, and Steve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- New Business:
 - ADT Presentation: Stephen Ray, the ADT solutions advisor, and his manager Jessica Espinoza from the Kansas City area delivered a presentation about ADT, its available resources, and how it can best meet individuals' needs.
- Old Business:
 - August ADA Community Information Session: Ray Petty answered questions members of the advisory board had about the presentation on Public Accommodation, Service Animals, and Equally Effective Communication and shared his work experience on the topics.
 - Joe shared that because the ADA is planning a retreat for the end of the year, the presentations may need to be pushed into March 2025. Ray stated he is okay with early 2025. Joe said she would contact the subcommittee about the next steps and assist with the presentation. Because Robert Cooper could not participate in the conversation, an email regarding the change of dates will be sent to him.

- Joe stated there will be two separate events in March for Public Accommodation, Service Animals, and Equally Effective Communication. Monique Glaude' shared that because of budgetary restrictions, a proposal for both events is needed by November 15th, 2024. For better outreach, advertisements for the events should take place in January and February.
- ADA Coordinator and Staff Update:
 - ADA Complaints Updates: Director Glaude' shared that there were no complaints from August and advertised the Human Relations Commission Holiday Posada that will take place on December 9th, 2024. Zaynah shared that ADA name tags are available and encouraged members to pick them up from City Hall.
- ADA Council updates
 - Joe requested that the City Council meeting location be updated on the City Council's website to better inform the public about location changes. Monique Glaude' stated she would share that with the Mayor's Office.
 - Zaynah shared that Michael expressed his gratitude via email to Topeka Metro for fixing the issue with the automated stop-call systems.
- Public Comment:
 - No public comments
- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 09, 2024
- Adjourn – Meeting 2:15 pm.