



## **ADA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

**Joplin City Hall**

**602 S. Main**

**Room 106, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**3:00 PM**

### **I. Roll Call**

Sarah Vargyas Chair – Present

Betty McCartney – Present

Vicki Gray – Present

James Ledford – Present

Jeff Hughey – Not Present

Greg Salzer – Not Present

Tommie Black – Present

A quorum of members was present.

City Staff Present: David Allgood, Human Resources Director, Lynden Lawson Assistant Director of Public Works and, Patrick Hurn, Assistant Director of Human Resources.

### **II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed by all members and with no changes noted. The Chair entertained a motion to approve with a first and second motion. All members in favor, none opposed, and the minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

### **III. New Business**

#### Mohaska Trail update

An update was given on the status of the Mohaska Trail. The bids are in and engineers have started working. There have been trees have been removed. When completed it will have sidewalks and walking trails. The Mohaska Trail is located on the south side of town by Pearl Street and will cross over Jackson going up to medical school.

### Survey questions from committee

Lyndon Lawson would like to come up with a survey for the citizens of Joplin and geared toward ADA specifically and regarding accessibility to public and private buildings and public transportation. He requested that the ADA Committee to come up with some questions for the survey and to email them to him. Lynden stated that he was approached by college students who previously volunteered for the city to put the survey together. The survey will be put on the City website and citizens can answer questions. This will give a feel where we are at as a community. The goal is to get the survey put on the city website within three months. The community will be notified of the survey with a news release.

### Ramp at the west door of the City Hall

A citizen expressed concerns about the flooring, slope and chipping away of the ramp at the west door of City Hall. Facilities doing assessment of city buildings and may have to get an engineer to look at the ramp. Facilities was looking at using the north door for ADA access, but it can't be used due to the slope. They are now looking to use the east door for ADA accessibility. The west door is hard for people to access, especially since they have to go through the alley to get there.

### Assessments of the city update

An update was given regarding the assessments of the city sidewalks. RFQ's were sent out and 11 replies were received from consulting and engineering companies and three were selected for interviews. One company was chosen, and they will begin assessing the sidewalks to see if they need repaired or replaced. They will not address if there is no sidewalk, that is an engineering project and a request to have a new sidewalk installed will have to be turned in. The assessments are expected to take 6 months.

## **IV. Unfinished Business**

### Transition Plan

Updated Transition Plan is in the forms section of the website. The plans states that every two years it needs to be reviewed and revised. It will be due for review in January 2020. Can add folders on the website and they will show

what features are in the city that the citizens can enjoy. It will also show the status of work projects that are going on to keep the citizens updated. The results from ADA survey will be put in the plan. It was mentioned that hotels are not checked for ADA access. The ADA Coordinator stated that they are checked if there is a complaint. Most of the city's hotels are new and are compliant with ADA requirements.

#### Training for ADA Committee, ProAg training

All committee members were given a handout regarding the ProAg training. The ProAG training is on the accessibility of public right-a-ways and is open to engineers, architects, consultants and contractors who actually go out and build the public right-a-ways. Course put on by the City Public Works Department and the trainer is from MODOT. Course that allows engineers to earn professional hours to keep their certification.

#### Weeds on the ADA ramp at the Airport

Airport manager and OPS manager were notified regarding the weeds. The weeds have been mowed and cut back and will be maintained.

#### Conflict of Interest

The conflict to interest rules and regulations were brought up. There are no stipulations regarding conflict of interest in the ADA Committee by-laws.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ADA Committee will be in June 25, 2019.

### **V. Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, with a first and second and all members present in agreement, the ADA Accessibility Committee meeting was adjourned.