



ADA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Joplin City Hall

602 S. Main

Room 106, 1st Floor Conference Room

2:00 PM

I. Roll Call

Sarah Vargyas Chair – Present

Betty McCartney – Present

Vicki Gray – Present

James Ledford – Present

Jeff Hughey – Present

Greg Salzer – Not Present

Tommie Black – Present

Camille Turner – Guest

A quorum of members was present.

City Staff Present: Patrick Hurn, Assistant Human Resources Director, Lynden Lawson Assistant Director of Public Works, Allison Scribner, Human Resources Specialist, Trish Smith, Human Resources, recorder of minutes.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the June 25, 2019, meeting were reviewed by all members. The Chair entertained a motion to approve with a first and second motion. All members in favor, none opposed, and the minutes from the June 25, 2019, meeting were approved.

III. New Business

Front counter window at the Police Department

Vicki Gray brought up that the front counter window at the Police Department does not have accommodations for individuals in wheelchairs. The counter is

too high for a person sitting in a wheelchair. There is not a buzzer or bell to get an employee's attention for help. Lyndon Lawson stated that there is a feasibility study being done on the front counter for ADA Accessibility. In the meantime, Lynden will check to see if a buzzer will work at the front counter.

Jail Shower access for wheelchairs

Lynden Lawson stated that the money to fix the shower and the Sally Port, located in the back of the jail, are in the new budget that begins on November 1, 2019.

Mohaska Trail update

Lynden Lawson stated that the work on the Mohaska Trail is moving along. The work crews have finished striping and will move forward with paving. The Trail runs along 26th Street, Joplin Avenue and Wall Avenue.

Family Services Building

Vicky Gray stated that the new ramp at the Family Services Building is much easier to maneuver with the new lower grade. The doors have been replaced and are much easier to use.

Street Crossing

Vicky Gray brought up that the crossing light at 7th Street and St. Louis does not give enough time for pedestrians to cross the street. Per Lynden, 7th Street belong to MoDot. He will contact MoDot to see if the time can be increased.

Employment Applications

A question was brought up asking if employers need to have paper applications available for perspective employees who cannot apply on-line. Vicky Gray to send Alli Scribner a list of businesses who don't have paper applications. Workforce will provide assistance to people to help fill out applications.

Service Dogs

Guest Camille Turner asked if service dogs fall under the ADA. In the NHC Nursing Home, residents are having problems with the staff allowing service

dogs into the facility. The Committee can write a letter to the facility to advise them to do research on the subject and to allow the service dogs into the facility. If they are not compliant, the next step would be to go to the State.

IV. Unfinished Business

Survey Questions from the ADA Committee

Lynden Lawson stated that he has received survey questions from Sarah Vargyas. The survey is not on the City's Website yet.

See Click Fix App

Alli Scribner reminded committee members about the Click Fix App that the city has. She handed out information to members on how to download the app.

Survey on Website

Lynden Lawson stated that the ADA part on the City's Website needs to be more accessible. He is working with the IT Department to fix this.

Ramp for ADA access at City Hall

Lynden Lawson stated that there are more ADA parking spaces in the City Hall Parking Lot. The ADA access ramp at the west door does not meet code. It is not wide enough. An ADA access button will be placed on the east door. There is not ADA access at the north door since the slope is wrong and can't be fixed. There will be more ADA parking spaces at the Police Department and Justice Center. The street corners will be made ADA compliant and will allow easier access to cross the street.

Transition Plan

Lynden Lawson stated that the Transition Plan is updated every two years and is due again in 2020. The sidewalk assessment project in the tornado recovery zone is moving forward and he should have the complete assessment in January 2020.

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.

The next meeting will be in January 2019 and will be held in the 4th floor conference room so that Lynden Lawson can show committee members the assessment projects that the city has been working on.