

ADA CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
Monday March 8, 2021

MEETING TIME: 1:00 PM

MEETING PLACE: 201 West Gray Street, Multipurpose Room

Zoom:

Members Present

Linn Blohm (chair)
Chris Nanny
James Barnett
Nelson Dent
Rob Carr
Sue Favors
Tom Burke

Staff Present

Jesse Hill
Shawn O`Leary
Cydney Karstens
Taylor Johnson
Cinthya Allen

Guest

Wanda Felty
Lance Davis (ABLE)
Miranda Steffen (Among
Friends)
Eva Smith
Sheila Clifton (NPS)

Quorum was established and recognized, meeting was called to order by Chair Linn Blohm at 1:02 pm.

I. Welcome and introductions:

- Chair Blohm asked each person to introduce themselves.
- Jesse advised that we are using closed captioning for today's meeting and gave a few housekeeping rules for its use.
- Cinthya Allen was introduced as the Chief Diversity and Equity Officer for the city of Norman. Cinthya shared a little about herself and the role that she will play for the City of Norman.
- Jim Barnett sent in a question as to whether the meeting was officially called to order.

Jim Barnett filed a motion to officially start the meeting, seconded by Chris Nanny, all in favor.

II. August 31, 2020 Minutes:

The August 31, 2020 Minutes were sent out to the committee members with the agenda and official invite prior to the meeting date.

- It was noted that the December 14, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID precautions.
- A motion was made by James Barnett to approve the minutes for the August 31, 2021 this was seconded by Tom Burke. Chair Blohm asked for any more discussion, none noted. Chair Blohm asked all in favor please signify. Motion passed.

III. Member updates:

Chair Blohm moved to discussion on membership and how we can influence others to become members.

- 4 people are off the committee either ask to be removed or have failed to adhere to the attendance policy.
- Discussion on how to push forward the idea that we need people to apply who would be good representatives.
- One has applied so we need three more to fill the committee.
 - Part of a population with a disability
 - Representative from organization for one of those populations of people with disabilities
 - Caregiver for someone with a disability
- James recommended Richard Anderson as a member of this committee.
 - Linn advised that he had already applied for the position and that Brenda had tried to reach out to him, she did not receive a response.
 - Chair Blohm reminded everyone that it is ultimately up to the Mayor to appoint the members.
- Chris Nanny asked if Tyah Crow has applied. She also thought that an avenue for recruitment would be to contact the organizations in town who might have the type of members we are looking for.
- Nelson Dent asked if the City could write up a short blurb as a press release, and share on social media. With link to the application.

IV. Nomination for Transportation Sub-Committee chair:

- Chair Blohm asked for any nominations for the Chair position. No response.
 - Chair Blohm made the nomination of Nelson Dent for the chair position of the Transportation Sub-Committee. Seconded by Jim and Tom. Chair Blohm asked for discussion, none noted. Chair Blohm asked for vote for approval. Nomination carried.

V. Vaccination information:

Jesse shared that the question came up regarding what the City was doing to help individuals with disabilities get vaccinated. Jesse advised this was not a duty or did not fall under Title II of the ADA. Jesse shared the facilities that will give the vaccinations. Also advised that the Aging Services of Cleveland County would provide ride for vaccinations but that they would need to be scheduled ahead of time.

- Chris asked if Embark would be able to provide transportation as well. Taylor Johnson replied that Embark would but individuals who were enrolled in the paratransit program. They must be an approved rider and must also schedule their ride 24 hours in advance.
- Jim advised that (PI) Progressive Independence at their headquarters on Friday from 10 am -3 pm was working with Norman Regional Hospital

to give vaccines to anyone with disabilities who need it. No appointment necessary.

VI. Update:

Jesse went over Title II of the ADA, what it is, covers public entities and transportation.

- Chris asked who do they contact with private entities to file a complaint. Jesse advised that that would be the Department of Justice. Jesse advised to reach out to the entity for help. Contact information is in the newsletter. He also advised that if someone reports something no matter what Title is he will address. Jim also asked how Title II and 504 were comparable. Rob Carr advised that 504 was more for those who receive federal funds.
- Taylor Johnson updated on Transportation
 - Transportation Transition Plan
 - Go Norman Transit Study
- Jesse advised some of the Capital Projects the city is working on.
 - Signs
 - Door weights
 - Lions Park (architect)
 - Central Library
 - Sidewalks (Main street)
 - Building B (accessible ramp)

Questions were asked about Central Library, Main street and Council Chambers Hearing Loop.

- Central Library: Hearing Loop
- Main Street: corner of Main and Berry, ramp is to be replaced, round about foot traffic.
- Council Chambers: Hearing loop, advised that it is put on hold, new meeting rooms in complex will have hearing loops.

VII. Budget

Jesse shared a proposal to the committee on the budget to think about for the coming months. Budget has not been approved yet. This is just something to think about to be voted on in the June Meeting. Rob asked if there were monies being budgeted for professional development of City employees in the technology realm. No clear answer was given. There was no vote on this budget due to not knowing the complete budget. Chris asked who approves the budget, Jesse explained the process that He asks for a certain amount and that goes to a team and City Manager, then discussed by Department heads who rate the budget. This is then presented to the City Manager who will present it to the City Council.

VIII. Closing remarks

- Chair Blohm asked if there were any other comments. Tom shared his appreciation for the captioning. He said it helps a lot. Jim responded as well that he appreciated it as well as Nelson.
- Jim expressed his appreciation to be able to meet again.
- Chris would like for Jesse or Shawn to attend the Human Rights Commission to give them a better understanding of the role of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

IX. Motion to adjourn:

- Chair Blohm entertained a motion to adjourn. Nelson made the motion, Jim seconded, all were in favor.
- Meeting adjourned 2:45 pm

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