

**ADA CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes**

**Monday December 13, 2021**

**MEETING TIME: 1:00 PM**

**MEETING PLACE: Central Library, 103 West Acres Street, Norman Oklahoma  
73069, Oklahoma Redbud Room**

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| <u>Members Present</u> | <u>Staff Present</u> | <u>Guest</u>   |
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| Sue Favors             | Jesse Hill           | December Ambos |
| Chris Nanny            | Taylor Johnson       |                |
| Wanda Felty            | Heather Pool         | <u>Absent</u>  |
| Tom Burke              | Cinthy Allen         | Victor Long    |
| Miranda Hooper         | Jason Huff           | Nelson Dent    |
| Joseph Theige          |                      | Madison Pierce |
|                        |                      | Mary Phariss   |

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Welcome: Jesse welcomed all to the meeting and advised at this time there was not a quorum for the ADA Citizen Advisory Committee. However, there are some who have indicated they were going to be late due to other obligations. Jesse advised that at this time the committee would bypass those items that require a vote by the committee until the others are available. Chris asked if attendance could be taken by roll call. Tom Burkes, Susan Favors, Chris Nanny and Joseph Theige. Members not present Victor Long, Madison Pierce, Mary Phariss, Nelson Dent. Miranda Hooper and Wanda Felty came to the meeting late. Guest present were Heather Poole, Jason Huff.

**Jesse introduced ADA Coordinator: Cinthya Allen**

Cinthya was introduced to share a little about Impact 2021. She advised that this was a time to share and reflect on 2021, impact to close out the calendar year. She advised to have a conversation about some of the items that have been accomplished throughout 2021. She reflected on the impact of the sidewalk program and how it has improved.

Programming such as training. She also spoke to the push to get Lions Park remediated, as well as the Transit Transition plan, making it accessible. By putting things together, they really are building blocks to make it available to all individuals. Chris shared there were individuals here that were instrumental in transition plan started. Park improvements, Sidewalk improvements, transit bus stops, Ruby Grant Park. 1<sup>st</sup> accessible park in Norman. Cinthya spoke to the commitment to the 2018 Transition Plan. why is it important? To identify pieces that are needing to be addressed throughout the community. What will it take to get us where we need to be. What did this plan mean to the committee? Joe shared that having a smaller group allows for more accountability. And to see that there are things being accomplished throughout the City even where he lives along Berry and Boyd. Tom indicated he would like to see some signs going up around the areas that are being remediated that identify that these are ADA projects for the greater good. Chris shared it would be great to make an announcement on what is being done for ADA. To give brief updates. ADA affects more than just people in Walkers, Strollers and Wheelchairs it affects us all. Improvements benefit everyone, ramps are used by everyone. Lowered water fountains, restroom facilities benefit us all. What about these meetings? How do we make them better? Chris indicated frustration of the turnover of these meetings and lack of attendance. Brainstorm ways to get this done. Location seems to be fine. Survey to hear what the committee thinks.

Cinthya then asked if there were others who wanted to share. she pointed towards December about his experience with the park evaluation. Cinthya asked to meet January 10, 2022 for a kickoff for 2022 to set goals for the coming year.

With the arrival of Miranda and Wanda Jesse identified that there was now a quorum and the meeting was turned over to Miranda at 1:39 as chair with the additional members attending. Miranda and Wanda, were present to move towards approval of the September 13, 2021 minutes. Miranda asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes, everyone had been sent the minutes prior to the meeting. Wanda Felty Made the motion to approve the minutes and was 2<sup>nd</sup>ed by Chris Nanny. Vote was taken with a unanimous approval. Meeting was again put on hold prior to working towards the transition plan due to Miranda needing to attend another event. Tom asked the question why there was a bus stop that lead to nowhere? Why is there a bus stop at the airport? This was a part of the OU transit. Is there a study as to how many people use each stop? Ridership was not a factor of the transition plan we are looking at making the stop accessible. Heater Poole of the City of Normans Legal team advised a point of order that discussion needs to be tabled until the return of member.

Jesse gave update on Lions Park, Park evaluations are complete, just finishing up some of the paperwork parts of it. and City Hall Assisted Listening Hearing Loop and

renovations. Assist 2 Hear will be installing the new loop between December 15 and January 10, 2022. He also shared the dates for 2022.

**Jesse turned the presentation to Nate McNeely to share on the sidewalk program.**

Nate shared numerous sidewalks going on in the City of Norman.

50-50 program: neighborhood sidewalk program

Capital improvement: Campus corner, sidewalks and curb ramps. Cherry Creek Addition, City Complex from Gray to Daw's

City wide: 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue: repairs to sidewalk through this area. Cedar lane Crossing, 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE north of Rockcreek. Incomplete sidewalk.

Shared about Horizontal saw cuts throughout the 12<sup>th</sup> AVE. corridor

Transition Plan: 24<sup>th</sup> Ave NW Main to Robinson on the East side, with a Change order (presented to Council on December 14<sup>th</sup>) to complete phase 2 from Robinson to Boardwalk on the west side.

He shared as well the hopes for grants for coming projects. Compliments Porter Streetscape.

Tom asked how long the saw cuts last? Depends on what is driving the concrete to buckle.

Miranda rejoined the committee allowing for a continuation of discussion of the 2021 Transit Transition Plan as an addendum to the 2018 Self Evaluation and Transition Plan. Taylor asked if there were any more discussions or questions. Chris asked how this plan was prioritized and how the funding would be provided. Taylor shared that there were 5 criteria that we used such as 1 -Inaccessible, sign in the ground no accessible route to the stop. 2- Not ADA Compliant or Accessible Has existing facilities. 3- ADA accessible with an ADA pad but may have slope issues or defects. 4- ADA Compliant with just a bench. 5- ADA Compliant with shelter. Funding would be done through City funds and Grants that might be awarded.

Tom asked about the new construction on Lindsay Street as to if this was because of the way it was build. Inside panel had shrank down.

Wanda sharing her appreciation for the committees work on this and asked if this had been given the opportunity to share their input by presenting it to the community to discuss as they may have valuable information that can be provided. Taylor shared that this was not really something that would require a discussion. That the transition plan

identifies areas that is not ADA compliant and this plan will be presented to the Planning and Transportation Committee at the end of the month.

\*Motion to recommend the 2021 Transit Transition Plan as an addendum to the 2018 Self Evaluation and Transition Plan to send to Council for their approval.:

Motion was made by Joseph Theige 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Burkes Vote: Unanimous approval.

Next Meeting is March 14, 2022 City Council Meeting Room

Adjourned: Motion made by Tom Burke 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Favors Vote: Unanimous

Adjourned: 2: 45 pm