



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2019

3:00 pm, Abilene Regional Airport, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present:

JoAnne Fluke, Chair
Sheria Davis
Katherine Ballard
Donna Reiff
Debra Turner
Pamela Barnhill

Members Absent:

Virginia Zak

City Staff Present:

Kelley Messer, Assistant City Attorney
Veronica Diaz, HR Generalist

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by the Chair, JoAnne Fluke.

2. Approval of meeting minutes from April 9, 2019

Minutes from the April 9, 2019 meeting were presented and reviewed. Donna Reif made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Katherine Ballard seconded. Motion carried.

3. Tour and discuss Airport facilities

Don Green, Director of Transportation Services, introduced Jill Tidwell, General Manager – American Airlines/American Eagle, before leading a tour of the Airport. During the tour, the Board had an opportunity to discuss the facilities and make suggestions to staff to resolve ADA compliance concerns.

4. Receive and discuss CityLink reports

Wayne Kruger, Paratransit Supervisor, gave an overview of the quarterly CityLink ADA trips report. The Board held a discussion of the statistics presented in the report.

5. Citywide Accessible Parking

The Board discussed a city-wide accessible parking issue in the community. An example discussed was the misuse of accessible parking spaces by people that are not disabled. There are hidden disabilities that are invisible and have a permit to park in accessible parking spaces.

Don Green discussed how Airport Administration enforces the illegal parking on accessible parking spaces as well as parking in no parking zones.

Joanne Fluke, the Board Chair, discussed how cities nationwide have programs that work with retired Police Officers that go throughout the cities enforcing illegal parking. There is a mobile app, Parking Mobility, where citizens can take a picture of the violator and it will also show where there are accessible parking spots in the area. The mission of the Board in that the goal is to make the community events more accessible. If a person has problems parking, then they do not have access to an event. If the Board would like to pursue this further, the Board discussed the possibility of having a committee. Kelley Messer, Assistant City Attorney, recommended that only one or two members of the Board lead a committee of community members to avoid having a quorum. If the Board pursues recommending the use of an app, Kelley advised that the Board needs to ensure that it is enforceable.

The City can do awareness campaign and public service announcements but cannot enforce private businesses.

6. Discuss and possibly take action on Life Access Event List

The Board discussed putting this item on the agenda again for the next meeting.

7. Recommend topics for future meetings

The Board discussed the top priorities or topics and would like to revisit the list at the next meeting. They have already addressed three of their top five priorities:

- a. Transit System
- b. Abilene Convention Center
- c. City Parks and Events Sponsored by the City/Community Events

City Hall and Health Education are the other two topics.

At the next meeting, the Board will discuss the notes from the tours of City Hall and the Airport Tours.

8. Public comment period

The Board heard and made note of the concerns from the public.

Don Green suggested that if the Board would like to tour some of the parks, they can arrange for CityLink buses to be available for the tour.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Donna Reif made a motion to adjourn. Katherine Ballard seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Brenda Alexander, Director of Human Resources
and ADA Coordinator, Ex-Officio

Approved by Board on June 11, 2019:



Joanne Fluke, Chair