

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2019

3:00 pm, Mall of Abilene, Abilene Public Library South Branch Conference Room

Members Present:

JoAnne Fluke, Chair Sheria Davis, Vice Chair Katherine Ballard Debra Turner

Members Absent:

Virginia Zak Pamela Barnhill

City Staff Present:

Kelley Messer, Assistant City Attorney Veronica Diaz, HR Generalist

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by the Chair, JoAnne Fluke.

2. Approval of meeting minutes from October 8, 2019

Minutes from the October 8, 2019 meeting were presented and reviewed. Sheria Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Katherine Ballard seconded. Motion carried.

3. Receive a report, discuss and possibly take action on Downtown parking

Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager, gave a report regarding downtown parking options. The study concentrated on streets within the boundary of N. 6th Street on the north, N. 1st Street on the south, Grape Street on the west and Treadaway Blvd on the east.

Mr. Rice discussed the different options for varying width streets, including alignment of parking spaces, reduction of traveling lanes to allow safe parking, the number of accessible parking per street, new possible street configurations. The plan includes replacing pavement markers or buttons with thermoplastic markings

The Board had an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns and ideas.

4. Receive and discuss CityLink reports

Barbara Meksch, Mobility Manager, gave an overview of the quarterly CityLink ADA trips report. The Board held a discussion of the statistics presented in the report. The Board also discussed the services provided by CityLink to the disabled community.

5. Discuss and possibly take action on Life Events Checklist

The Board's goal is to finalize the checklist in January if possible. Joanne will draft a list together so that the Board can review and finalize at the next meeting.

6. Discuss and take action on future meeting dates and topics

Future topics discussed were:

- 1. October 2020 Disability Awareness Month
- 2. Ways to get the word out that the advisory board exists
- 3. Parks

7. Public Comment Period

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

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Alexander, Director of Human Resources

and ADA Coordinator, Ex-Officio

Approved by Board on July 14, 2020:

Joanne Fluke, Chair