

Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021

The Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities held its meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 in the Abilene Zoo Library Room, Abilene Zoological Gardens. Board members present were JoAnne Fluke, Jamie Thomas, Debra Turner, Michele Daniels, Sheria Davis and Katherine Ballard. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Assistant Director, Janina Aguero, Secretary and Kelley Messer, Legal.

The meeting was called to order by Joanne Fluke at 3:05pm

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes from May 11, 2021:** Jamie Thomas made a motion to approve minutes. Sheria Davis seconded this motion to approve. With all in favor the motion carried.

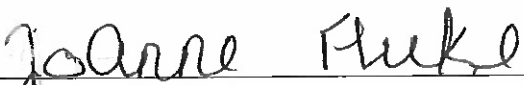
Public Comments: No Public Comments.

- 2. Updates on North Plaza Convention Center:** Molly Moser spoke about upcoming architectural updates on the north plaza of the Convention Center. Molly went over list and changes for accessibility improvements. Molly will be sharing the upcoming final draft from the architects as soon as these become available, if any notes need to be made, before brought up to City Council.
- 3. Planning for October Events:** Board discussed celebrating two different days of awareness. The board discussed White Cane Day as the first event. The board discussed hosting this event coinciding with the City Council meeting for October 2021, to be followed by a walk to the Convention Center for a luncheon. The board discussed a second event to include a talent show. The board created two committees to complete project items for Awareness Event. Committees will give updates at the next board meeting.
- 4. CityLink Update:** No one from CityLink present to give updates, however all information was given to board for review.
- 5. Upcoming Board Topics:** The board would like to discuss the comprehensive plan and the Disability Awareness Event finalization items for October's event.
- 6. Tour of Zoo:** Jesse Pottebaum met with the board and gave a tour of the zoo. The board went through and viewed with the below given notes:

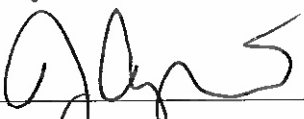
- a. There are no electric carts provided.
- b. Signage stating "Handicap" needs to say "Accessible"
- c. No brail in bathrooms
- d. Doors need automatic buttons to exit
- e. Voice guided walking tour for exhibits
- f. Uneven floors exiting the reptile exhibit
- g. Concrete pit holes in sidewalk
- h. Event accessibility
- i. Rock activity doesn't have an accessible path, near Madagascar Exhibit
- j. Caulking needs to be done on concrete pathway
- k. Caribbean Cove doesn't have an accessible concrete pathway

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:06pm



Joanne Fluke, Chair



Janina Agüero, Secretary