

Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2022

The Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities held its meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 3pm at the Abilene Police Department Conference Room, 4565 South 1st St. Board members present were JoAnne Fluke, Jamie Thomas, Rodney Young and Katherine Ballard. Parks & Recreation staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Richard Rodgers, Assistant Director and Janina Aguero, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Joanne Fluke at 3:06pm

Public Comment: None

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes from May 10, 2022:** Jamie Thomas made a motion to approve minutes. Katherine Ballard seconded, with all in favor the motion carried.
- 2. Introduction and Welcome of New Board Member:** The board welcomed Rodney Young. Rodney thanked the board for allowing him to join, and hopes to bring some issues up that he has seen in the past.
- 3. Board Resolution:** Lesli Andrews reviewed the Resolution on the agenda for the new board members and suggested the board members review the procedures.
- 4. Emergency Response Procedures for People with Disabilities:** Chris Hobbs discussed the new teams and procedures the police department are following. The Emergency Response team now goes through different assessments to gauge what steps to take in helping individuals with disabilities. The Board gave several suggestions and resources to help with the Emergency Response team.

Public Comments: Cynthia Alvidrez suggested that the City hire personnel that can help with this and be available to prevent any deaths that may occur.

- 5. Airport Terminal Design Project:** Don Green was presented to the Board updates the Airport is making. Don discussed the remodeling phase transitioning into the "Enabling Phase" which is at 60% completed. Don showed the updated pictures of the nursing room addition, ADA compliant restrooms and updated paint colors in the airport. Don asked the board to contact him with any other questions or suggestions.
- 6. Citylink Update:** Citylink admin processed 40 ADA applications with a one day turnaround in June. The numbers are getting back to precovid numbers. Contracted services are down to one driver which is causing a little hindrance.


7. **Parks & Recreation Month:** Lesli Andrews discussed the month of July being Parks & Recreation month which will have a proclamation on 7/14 at 8:30am. Lesli informed the board that there was trouble getting turf for the new playground at Rose Park, therefore the ribbon cutting has been pushed to August. Lesli reviewed the scheduled activities including a skateboard competition, a scavenger hunt and finishing off the month with a celebration at Adventure Cove called "Arrghapalooza". Lesli presented the Parks Master Plan Survey, encouraging everyone to participate.

8. **Upcoming Board Topics:** The Board discussed upcoming topics for the next meeting to include:

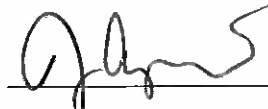
- a. Community awareness
- b. Joseph Thomas Foundation
- c. Frequency of meetings
- d. Social Media

Public Comments: Al Houle commented on the sidewalks around the City and is taking pictures of items blocking walkways.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm



Joanne Fluke, Chair



Janina Agüero, Secretary