

## **Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**July 11, 2023**

The Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities held its meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 3pm at the City Council Chambers, 2nd floor of City Hall, 555 Walnut St. Board members present were JoAnne Fluke, Jamie Thomas, Rodney Young, Mary Catom and Katherine Ballard. Parks & Recreation staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Richard Rodgers, Assistant Director, Kelley Messer, Legal and Janina Aguero, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm.

**Public Comment:** Charles Michael, Abilene resident, wanted to thank the board for giving him the opportunity to discuss Citylink. Mr. Michael wanted to discuss the concerns over pay rate for the Citylink drivers and them making below a livable wage. Mr. Michael believes increasing the pay rate and offering better benefits will help employ more Citylink drivers and help with understaffing issues.

1. **Acceptance of Minutes from March 21, 2023:** Jamie Thomas made a motion to approve minutes. Rodney Young seconded, with all in favor the motion carried.
2. **Citylink Update:** Truman Sherod gave the update for CityLink. Truman discussed a few issues with an online system that is being corrected to help with drive time. Truman discussed being short handed and in the process of hiring new drivers.
3. **Presentation 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan:** Lesli Andrews presented the board with the master plan. Lesli reviewed the findings of the study done by Brandstetter Carroll with evaluations, community meetings and web surveys. Lesli talked about the recommendations and improvement possibilities being included in the updated Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
4. **Present and Future of Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities:** Joanne Fluke reviewed a letter that was going to be presented to Robert Hanna on what direction the board wanted to take for the 2024 year. Joanne asked the board for more information on what items needed to be addressed. After further discussion, it was decided to bring this subject back to the board in the September meeting to show the updated letter with more specific bullet points.
5. **Upcoming Board Topics:** The Board discussed upcoming topics for the next meeting to include:
  - a. Letter for September

- b. Disability Awareness Month.
- c. Champions Day at Adventure Cove

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

  
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Joanne Fluke, Chair

  
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Janina Aguero, Secretary