

MINUTES
LAWTON ACCESS BOARD
NEW CITY HALL - CITY ATTORNEY'S CONFERENCE ROOM
212 SW 9th STREET
AUGUST 25, 2015

Mike Jones called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in the City Attorney's Conference Room. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Sharon Fanning; Joseph Harper; Don Kesler, Jr.; Kay Love; Mike Jones.

ABSENT: None.

OTHER PRESENT: Rusty Whisenhunt, Public Works, Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office.

APPROVE MINUTES from June 30, 2015 meeting

Motion by Harper, **Second** by Fanning, to approve the minutes of June 30, 2015. **Aye:** Harper; Kesler; Love; Jones; Fanning. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. New Business

A. Transition Plan Update and review milestone chart for completion, take action if necessary.

Whisenhunt stated at the last meeting we handed out maps with the updated sidewalks showing completed, in progress and in design. I also handed out an example of the cost. From a bus stop with a curb ramp in the middle of the block the cost is around \$2300. If there is a driveway involved there is an additional \$1600.

Harper asked "Why is a driveway more expensive".

Whisenhunt stated it is thicker concrete and generally you have to reconstruct at least 10' of the driveway to make it approach the cross slopes. If you are trying to get a bus stop sidewalk to a driveway opening it is about \$1000. These maps will become a part of the transition plan.

Jones asked "Did we approve 10% of the fund to be used for smaller projects".

Whisenhunt stated yes. That would be about \$100,000 but at this time we have no funds available.

Harper stated I would like to see something done at 20th and Smith. There is a bus stop on both sides of the street.

Whisenhunt stated you mentioned that at the last meeting so we ran a cost estimate. It will cost around \$3500 per each side of the street. This is a sign stop that is in the dirt. To do both sides of the street will run around \$6000. We have a requirement contract if we had the funding.

Jones asked “Are those just signs”.

Whisenhunt stated yes. If the project was done you would have a concrete landing to offload on and a sidewalk up to the street intersection with a curb ramp. This board would have to make a recommendation to proceed with this as a priority.

Jones asked “Would it fall under the one we have at Eastside Park”.

Whisenhunt stated the Eastside Park only gets you to the park which is still non-compliant. The benefit there would be less than the benefit on Smith. We didn’t take any action at the last meeting on the Eastside Park.

Jones asked “What are our chances of getting Smith and 20th done”.

Whisenhunt asked “Did you check on the fee in lieu funding”.

Ezell stated Rogalski stated there was around \$33,000 in the fund.

Whisenhunt stated we have a requirement contract to do sidewalks and we don’t have to go out to bid. If the board makes a recommendation we would need to get a PO drafted on the account.

Ezell stated code reads LETA is to make a recommendation to Council and Council will make the final decision.

Whisenhunt stated I know the new Walmart paid \$19,000 in lieu of a sidewalk.

Jones asked “Should that be tapped for that”.

Whisenhunt stated it should but it is not required by code. It can go for anything that is related to sidewalks.

Ezell stated one of the churches has also inquired about this funding.

Fanning asked “Is there a bus stop on 27th and J. I know the bus does stop there and it would be nice to have an enclosed stop so they could be out of the weather”.

Whisenhunt stated I don’t know if there is a bus stop there or not.

Love asked “Have you spoke with LATS”.

Fanning stated I have not.

Whisenhunt stated they are the ones that deal with formal stops.

Love stated we need to know which stops are used the most. That would help us to prioritize our bus stops.

Whisenhunt stated LATS should be able to provide that information. That would be good information.

Fanning stated the sidewalk south of J Avenue is looking wonderful.

Kesler stated my brother noticed in New York that their busses have a pull out instead of stopping in a traffic lane. Maybe we could look at doing this in the future when we are doing major streets.

Whisenhunt stated the Fort Sill Apache Casino put the bus stop in their turn lane. They extended past the driveway for the bus to be off of Gore Blvd.

Jones stated there are plans for a downtown bus transfer station and the intent is to have pullout lanes for that.

Harper stated we need more than one transfer point.

Jones stated LATS may have that in their future plans. Let's go back to the stops on Smith. I'll find out how much money is in the account and what we need to do to access it. Do we need to make a formal request?

Whisenhunt stated his intent was to make it a formal complaint and the board will need to address it as a request.

Motion by Jones, **Second** by Harper, to accept as a formal request of the area of Smith and 20th Street and to make it a priority over and above the Eastside Park. **Aye:** Kesler; Love; Jones; Fanning; Harper. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

ADDENDUM

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Presentation of the 2014-2015 ADA Compliance Report.

Kesler stated it would be nice on the next report to see if any of these lines are tied to any of our priorities.

Whisenhunt stated this report is regimented by a Court Order but I should be able to incorporate that. This report is for the year and it shows how much was spent the last 12 months and we have almost \$1.2 million under construction right now.

Kesler asked “What is SFR”.

Whisenhunt stated Single Family Residence. This would be a new home that had to put in the sidewalk, curb ramps and driveway crossing.

Harper asked what is the difference between City Facilitated and City Funded.

Whisenhunt stated funded means it came from the City of Lawton budget and facilitated means the City of Lawton required it to be done and the builder was responsible.

Kesler stated on page 4 on the third line down.

Whisenhunt stated those are sidewalks from 27th Street and F Avenue. Those were done by Cameron University.

Harper asked “Is the facilitated figured into this total”.

Whisenhunt stated yes.

Harper asked “Why”.

Whisenhunt stated because the City expended money facilitating it. They have inspectors, code enforcement, and planning review so they actually spent money. The Court decrees states funded or cause to happen.

Harper stated so the City gets credit even though they didn’t pay the bill.

Whisenhunt stated the City’s portion is about 2/3 of the \$870,000. Part of the requirement is to bring this report to the board once a year.

Kesler asked “Will this be online and available for the public to review”.

Whisenhunt stated it will go to Council and become a part of the Council minutes.

Kesler asked “So it becomes a matter of public record”.

Whisenhunt stated yes.

Jones stated I will see about getting this report placed on the City website.

Motion by Jones, **Second** by Kesler, to accept 2014-2015 ADA Compliance Report.
Aye: Love; Jones; Fanning; Harper; Kesler. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

2. Comments/Discussion

Jones stated in June I attended an ADA Conference in Atlanta and there were a lot of different breakout sessions. One of the better ones I attended was on Universal Design. It is the concept of making a facility accessible to the public as a whole without blue plaques on the doors. The design is made where there are no transitions or steep walkways into a building. Everything is level, doors all the same size and it applies to any kind of building. The public safety building that the City of Lawton is looking to build on Railroad will be the City's first universal design building. One of the results of this building being built is old city hall and the police department will be torn down. They will start tearing down city hall in about two weeks and the police department in about two years. The lady who gave the presentation on Universal Design talked about a park in St. Louise that she helped to design. This gave me some ideas for the property where old city hall is located. Here is a concept for a city park that would take up the whole block. It would be from Gore to B and 4th to 5th. I'm coordinating into that concept the Universal Design.

Harper stated that is great.

Love stated I agree.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Motion by Jones, **Second** by Kesler, to adjourn. **Aye:** Jones; Fanning; Harper; Kesler; Love. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**