

**MINUTES
LAWTON ACCESS BOARD
NEW CITY HALL
CITY ATTORNEY'S CONFERENCE ROOM
212 SW 9th STREET
MARCH 29, 2016**

Rusty Whisenhunt, 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: Joseph Harper; Don Kesler, Jr.; Rusty Whisenhunt.

ABSENT: Sharon Fanning; Kay Love.

OTHER PRESENT: Keith Neitzke, Parks and Recreation Department; Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office.

APPROVE MINUTES from December 15, 2015 meeting

Motion by Harper, **Second** by Whisenhunt, to approve the minutes of December 15, 2015. **Aye:** Harper; Whisenhunt. **Abstain:** Kesler. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Whisenhunt stated this is a drawing of the sidewalks behind Centenary Methodist. The contractor is working at 7th and E now and should start on the sidewalk and bus stop on Smith Monday. At this time we haven't received any other formal requests.

Kesler stated from 38th to 67th there are curb cuts but no sidewalk.

Whisenhunt stated those were done due to a sewer line project. There are a few sidewalks. Regulations for a sewer line project only require curb cuts and driveways crossings. Those are identified in the transition plan.

Harper stated we need curb cuts from University to 38th on Gore.

Whisenhunt stated Priority 7 covers from the bus stop but we didn't address anything past that point.

Harper stated you have the same issue in front of Sheridan Square. That should be fairly inexpensive.

Whisenhunt stated curb cuts and ramps cost around \$1000 a piece. At this time future funding has not been addressed. We need to ask Jones to send a letter to the City Manager requesting the next time they do a bond to include the ADA money.

Motion by Harper, Second by Kesler, to ask the Chairman of the Lawton Access Board to send a letter to the City Manager asking that the next bond that is issued for the CIP money include the million for ADA. **Aye:** Kesler; Whisenhunt; Harper. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Whisenhunt stated once we receive funding we will start to see some progress on our projects. The first 3 phases of the pedestrian bike path is nearing completion. A contract has been awarded to complete 2nd Street from Columbia to Ferris.

Kesler stated I don't believe we realize how much sidewalk will be available due to the bike path.

Whisenhunt stated there is a lot. 11th Street is complete and they are nearing completion on 10th Street from C to D. There are sidewalks on both sides of Summit at 6th Street. There is a short section near Lee on 27th Street that is under construction. We have awarded SE 45th Street from Lee to Bell and it has a 10' bike bath.

Kesler stated when the Constitution identifies a street in need we need to look to see if sidewalks needs to be a part of the project.

Whisenhunt stated the city has set the standard when a street is being reconstructed there will be a sidewalk.

Harper stated I believe the use of the existing sidewalks would make a world of difference if we could just put in curb ramps.

Whisenhunt stated that is a good point. Putting in curb ramps compared to doing a complete ADA compliant sidewalk would be a lot cheaper and the money would go further. We might look at removing barriers instead of total reconstruction. I'll put some rough numbers together to see what we might accomplish.

2. Comments/Discussion

Whisenhunt stated LATS was unable to be here today and they were going to discuss a route for the Lawton Food Bank. They will bring this information to the next meeting.

Neitzke stated he would like to give a presentation at the next meeting in regards to Soper Park. We just poured a concrete path for the Playground in the Park and purchased an accessible prefab restroom.

Whisenhunt stated the next meeting will be May 31, 2016.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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