MINUTES
LAWTON ACCESS BOARD
CITY HALL
CITY ATTORNEY'S CONFERENCE ROOM
212 SW 9th STREET
APRIL 3, 2018

Mike Jones called the meeting to order at 2:40 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: Kesler, Don; Love, Kay; Jones, Mike
ABSENT: Harper, Joseph; Polk, Ray.
OTHERS PRESENT: Jack Hanna and Keith Neitzke, Park and Recreation; Virgil Watson, Unidentified Male and Unidentified Female, Members Lawton Heights United Methodist Church.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

APPROVE MINUTES from January 30, 2018 meeting

Motion by Kesler, **Second** by Love, to approve the minutes of January 30, 2018. **Aye**: Kesler; Love; Jones. **Nay**: None. **Motion Passed**.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Old Business

A. Consider a request from Virgil Watson of Lawton Heights Methodist Church to provide funding for the construction of sidewalks that would connect to a proposed LATS stop/shelter to be located at the intersection of NW 16th Street and NW Taylor Avenue.

Jones stated looking at the minutes you see we covered a lot of ground at the last meeting. Mr. Kesler, since you were not here do you have any questions.

Kesler stated my concern was whether we would set a precedent for any organization who wanted to request a sidewalk and bus stop. I believe legal said we would be okay as long as we take it on a case by case basis.

Jones stated exactly. As long as we look at each different request objectively then we don't set a precedent. We don't want to get into a situation where we do it for one and not for someone else. By postponing the meeting last week it has put us in a situation where everyone could not be here today. LATS could not be here and they had stated they would know more about the route study.

Kesler stated I think we need to table this item until LATS can be here.

Love stated I agree.

Jones stated their information was going to weigh heavily on our decision. We can wait 5 more minutes to see if anyone shows. I don't want to speak for LATS and their information. Our next regular meeting would be the end of May and instead of waiting that long we could call a special meeting if that is amenable to everyone. Mr. Watson, do you prefer we have a special meeting or wait until the end of May.

Watson stated we would prefer as soon as possible. This is only as time sensitive as we make it. Waiting another 2 months won't kill the project but our goal is to provide something for those waiting on a bus. The longer we put it off the longer they have to wait for shelter.

Jones stated at the last meeting you didn't have sufficient funds. Have you made any progress in regards to the funding?

Watson stated we have and we are still working on getting more funding through the conference and the church. We do have more funding than we did at the last meeting.

Jones stated okay. Ms. Love, would you prefer we do this sooner or wail until the end of May.

Love stated I think we should call a special meeting and make certain LATS can be here.

Jones stated I agree. Okay, we will schedule a special meeting when all the parties are available.

Male asked isn't this something you have to take to the 3rd floor to ask if there will be a change in the buses.

Jones stated to the 3rd floor. I'm not certain what you mean by the 3rd floor.

Female asked does LATS have an office on the 3rd floor.

Jones stated no.

Kesler stated they are in the process of relooking at all the routes.

Jones stated they had commissioned a route study some time back.

Watson stated I thought they had posted some new routes since the last time we met.

Jones stated they may have. I'm not involved in that so I can't speak for them. I'll proceed with setting a special meeting and let everyone know when it will be held.

Male stated here is a PDF of the proposed routes.

Jones stated okay, I'll leave that to LATS to speak on. Hanna, do you or Neitzke have anything you want to discuss.

Hanna stated not today.

Jones stated I can tell you we are working on wheelchair swings for children in wheelchairs. They pull their chair onto a platform, lock themselves into position and the platform swings. There are some individuals in the community that have expressed an interest in funding this type of project. They would like for us to come up with a plan and I would like to see this happen.

Neitzke stated the consumer safety product standards discourage this type of swing. They are large with a lot of weight. Since it is not in a controlled environment you will have 3 to 6 kids get on the platform and break the limiter. None of your major manufactures build these types swings anymore due to lawsuits and injuries. This is not to say you can't do it. Some companies still have them available. The alternative is the inclusive swings. They are molded plastic buckets that you place a child in and strap them down. If you go the platform route you would need to do a standalone. Our existing frames are not designed to carry that type of weight. Something else to consider is a standalone takes up a lot of space.

Kesler asked does this fit within the scope of our charter? I don't have a problem with expanding our charter to include things of this nature.

Jones stated I'm not saying this is something the board would be involved in. This is just an update on other things that are going on right now.

Neitzke stated there are lots that we can do to retro fit the playgrounds to make them accessible. All the new products meet the ADA standards.

Jones stated we will continue to look into this. I hope we will be able to do something along those lines. I know those who are involved with the Miracle Playground have something along those lines in mind.

Neitzke stated Ambucs is looking at doing something at Kids Zone.

Hanna stated the life expectancy of the playground equipment is coming to an end. They want to raise the funds to redo the playground and add more concrete to the parking lot so it will be more accessible.

Jones stated that would be great.

Hanna stated at one time we talked about parking at some of the parks. Do you know where we are with that?

Jones stated I don't think anything has changed. I believe the board doesn't want to see Priority 2 and 3 get displaced. Anything that we have discussed will come after those Priorities.

Hanna stated the community is asking and my answer has been there are other priorities that will come first.

Jones stated after we complete Priorities 2 and 3 we will look at the funds to see what we have available and what can be done. Some of our funds went to the east Gore sidewalk and pedestrian bridge so we are trying to guard what we have left. I think they will be done but I just don't know when. Does anyone have anything else. If not I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

2. Comments/Discussion

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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