

**LAWTON ACCESS BOARD
CITY HALL
CITY ATTORNEY'S CONFERENCE ROOM
212 SW 9th STREET
JUNE 4, 2019 MINUTES**

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: Jones, Mike; Kesler, Don; Love, Kay; Polk, Ray.

ABSENT: Bonaccii, Rocco.

OTHERS PRESENT: Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office; Sean Spell, LATS; Rev. Virgil Watson and Linda Tipton, Lawton Heights United Methodist Church.

Jones stated we have visitors today from the Lawton Heights United Methodist Church. With us are the Pastor, Virgil Watson and Linda Tipton.

APPROVE MINUTES from March 26, 2019 meeting

Motion by Kesler, **Second** by Love, to approve the minutes of March 26, 2019. **Aye:** Jones; Kesler; Love; Polk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Old Business
2. New Business

A. Receive updated status report from Lawton Heights United Methodist Church on the progress of their bus stop shelter project.

Jones stated our visitors would like to address the Board about their updated status report.

Watson asked did everyone get a chance to see the updated design.

Love stated no.

Watson stated we were here about a year ago and today would like to update you on our project. We have funded the shelter and it was delivered yesterday. On May 9th we submitted the paperwork for a permit to pour the slab. At this time we haven't heard anything on the permit. We are here today to ask for assistance in pouring the slab and the sidewalks.

Jones asked "Do you know the dollar about attached to the project?"

Watson stated you did the drawing and had the different dollar amounts for each section. I believe the cost of the pad was \$2800.

Love asked “Weren’t we waiting on LATS and the ride study to make certain the bus would continue in this area?”

Spell stated yes. At this time we don’t have an answer. If you have seen the new you saw there are some situations going on with the transit system. I don’t know if we will continue in that area or not. I do know that we will be there at least another 2 (two) years.

Watson stated I understood the study showed the route would continue on 16th Street.

Spell stated it could.

Love asked “Weren’t we going to have to go several feet in order to make the sidewalk wheelchair accessible?”

Jones stated I believe that is correct. This is where practicality comes in. I apologize for not bringing the drawings. The Church has proposed to do a shelter and bench that will be arranged cattycornered on the corner. There will be a pad for the bench and sidewalks. The sidewalk would have to extend to the east to catch a driveway and a ramp would have to be constructed. For the sidewalk going north it would have to extend further.

Watson stated pads for the buses have to be 50’ from the intersection.

Spell stated that is correct.

Jones stated it seemed like to go to the next driveway north it was a little further.

Watson stated it may have been. The curb is not as big that way as the one going east. If you put a 10’ pad there part of the 10’ gets into the driveway going north.

Jones asked “Do you recall a dollar amount?”

Watson stated I don’t remember. I want to say each leg of the sidewalk was \$3200 and the pad \$2800.

Jones asked “What are you formally requesting for the Board to provide?”

Love stated we need a more specific dollar amount before we can make a decision.

Jones stated we also need to remember we are continually getting new request asking for funding. There is some businesses along Lee Boulevard putting together a proposal for sidewalks from 11th to 17th on Lee Boulevard. There are 3 (three) property owners along that stretch and they are trying to raise funds to help with the sidewalk. They are proposing we

provide a certain amount and move the project up on our priority list. We should receive that request some time soon.

Love asked “What is our number one priority?”

Jones stated Sheridan Road from Gore to Ferris. Priority 1 is under design and right-of-way acquisitions. The City has received a grant from Fort Sill to construct a sidewalk along the east side of Lake Helen. It goes from the Veterans Memorial area all around the east side of the lake and ties into some sidewalks that will be built around the flag pole area. I don’t know if the City will come to us to ask that we assist in funding this project. That is a possibility. There are many worthy projects that will come before the Board. We will have to decide if we want to put these projects in front of our current priorities and take the money for our limited pot. Keep in mind this pot will not be refreshed. Anything we take for smaller projects will impact what we have left to spend on our current priorities. I’m not saying they are not all worthy projects I’m just saying it will impact our priorities. I would urge you to carefully consider each project. I agree that we need an exact dollar amount before the Board can make a decision. I’ll bring that number back to our July meeting.

Watson asked “Is that the cost of just the cement, the total project or your cost for cement? We don’t know what that cost is.”

Jones stated the City has a contract for these types of jobs. It will be more than just concrete because you will need the wheelchair ramp and warning mats. I believe there are also a couple of power poles to contend with and we will need to make certain we have room to clear the poles. There will also need to be some design work. I can’t give you a dollar amount.

Tipton stated we have raised the money for the shelter since we came before the Board last. We could possibly do the pad if you would be willing to help with the sidewalks. We have gone above and beyond trying to make this happen.

Jones stated whatever the City pays for it will have to meet City Code. I don’t know if the pad has City requirements but the sidewalk will have to meet ADA standards.

Tipton stated we also talked about giving the City the right-of-way if necessary.

Watson stated another option was to put the shelter on 16th Street with a wheelchair accessible pad.

Jones asked “Is the way you are proposing the shelter on the Church property?”

Watson stated most of it is.

Tipton stated we have to pour a pad and place the shelter if it is not handicap accessible.

Jones stated I understand. I’ll put together an Option A and Option B and bring this back at the July meeting so the Board can decide.

Kesler stated why don't we put the word out that at the September meeting we will entertain any proposal for sidewalks. Once we receive those proposals we will take our existing priorities and integrate those together. If we continue with this we are going to be nickel and dimed to death with no money left to do our priorities. It all needs to be integrated into 1 (one) list and only accept request once a year.

Motion by Kesler, Second by Polk, to accept all proposals for sidewalks at the September meeting and to integrate those proposal into the Boards priority list. These proposals will only be accepted once a year. **Aye:** Kesler; Love; Polk; Jones. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Jones stated I will get with legal to make certain we have the authority to do this. I like the idea of not considering request on a monthly basis. To look at them on a yearly basis and to integrate them into our priorities. I would like to thank the 3 (three) of you for your input today. I hope you understand what we are looking at. It fits into an assortment of projects that we are going to have to either accept or deny. If we accept them we will have to move them ahead of one of our priorities. We want to make certain we are good stewards with what we have.

Kesler stated it all adds up.

Jones stated it does. I want to make you aware of another project along C Avenue that will be coming before the Board. They want to add another ADA parking space, access aisle and wheelchair ramp. This will go a long way in making that area accessible. At this time a wheelchair has to go into the street and around the median to get upon the sidewalk. There are a lot of places within the City we need to make more accessible.

Tipton stated there are a lot of people in need. That is the reason our Church is trying to do things for the community. We want to do our part.

Watson stated I checked on our permit yesterday and they told me it was pending review from this committee and LATS.

Jones stated they probably said the ADA Coordinator and that is me.

Spell stated Keith Neitzke is supposed to be getting the actual pad layout. We need to make certain the pad is done right for the let out area. It isn't complicated.

Watson stated we will see what we can do between now and then. If we get the permit we may get the pad going so you don't have to worry about that part and just move on to the sidewalks.

Jones stated I will make certain I get my review done. It is in a queue.

3. Comments/Discussion
4. Adjournment

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

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