

MINUTES
LAWTON ACCESS BOARD
NEW CITY HALL - CITY ATTORNEY'S CONFERENCE ROOM
212 SW 9th STREET
AUGUST 26, 2014

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; Don Kesler, Jr.; Jim Russell (entered late).

ABSENT: Joseph Harper; Kay Love.

OTHER PRESENT: Mike Jones, City of Lawton GIS; Keith Neitzke, Park and Recreation; Rusty Whisenhunt, Public Works; Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office.

Ezell stated we do not have a quorum so you cannot take action on any item. You can only have discussion.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. New Business

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

Jones stated we left off with Map 6 and Russell wanted to go through Maps 7, 8 and 9 today. We will pick up at Map 7 the HC King Center. The first item is parking spaces are not located on an accessible route. There are handicap accessible spaces.

Whisenhunt stated there are spaces with no ramps. There are some adjacent to the building but the striping has almost turned to gravel. The surface needs to be a hard surface. The parking spots adjacent to the building need to be restriped and the ramps redone.

Jones stated the sidewalk that leads to a series of two ramps going to the front door aren't compliant. They are steep and there is cross slope. This explains why it is prioritized as a 6. There is some measure of accessibility. If there wasn't any accessibility it would be a 1 or 2. It does needs repair, stripping and the sign put in the right place.

Kesler stated we identified last month we need to look at the whole route.

Jones stated I don't disagree.

Fanning stated I was just there. There is handicap parking and plenty of accessibility for that parking. I was in my scooter and had absolutely no problem getting around. There are ramps to get into the building. It does need handicap bathrooms.

Neitzke stated you are saying we can get you to the building but cannot accommodate you once inside.

Fanning stated since I could get off my scooter I could get into the bathroom. If I couldn't walk I would not be able to get in.

Kesler stated a general comment on parking, which would apply to everything across the city, painting a sign on the ground is not in compliance. It must be a vertical sign that is seeable at all times.

Jones stated exactly and there are technical dimension to go on the pole. That is why the elements here are not in full compliance. They exist but need improvement. With that being said do we want to change the 6.

Fanning stated the worse thing I encountered was the loose gravel.

Kesler stated I'm okay with it like it is.

Jones stated it will be fixed just not as quickly as some of the other areas.

Whisenhunt stated a sign, striping or slight variation in cross slope would be a 6. The cross slope is quite a bit off. Someone in a manual wheelchair would struggle. My suggestion would be a 4.

Fanning stated that makes sense.

Kesler stated I agree with a 4.

Jones stated okay.

Whisenhunt stated curb ramps will be close to the same.

Fanning asked will the bathroom be done at the same time.

Whisenhunt stated it depends on the prioritization and the funding.

Jones stated that is the reason for setting priorities. We don't know how much money we will have for each particular building. Once we know we will go based on the priorities. We can leave the second issue at a 2.

Whisenhunt stated I think it hits the 4 range. They are a little steep but they do exist. I believe the sign can stay at a 6.

Jones stated okay. The second item is a 4 and the third a 6. Next is passenger loading zone. The loading zone is not properly marked. We need to install and strip. The fourth and fifth items are identified as a 2.

Kesler stated if there is no marking it needs to be a 2 but if it is improperly marked I would think a 3.

Whisenhunt stated I don't remember it being marked.

Fanning stated it isn't.

Jones stated so it stays at a 2.

Fanning asked how cost effective is it to mark the loading zone and come back a month later and do the signage and stripping.

Jones stated that is where we make sure in doing it all together than separately.

Fanning stated so it might change the 4 to a 2.

Ezell stated now that Russell has entered the room you have a quorum.

Jones stated we are on the HC King Center page 58. We change the two 6's to a 4 and the 2 to a 4. We agreed the passenger loading zone should stay a 2. We are now at the main entry.

Whisenhunt stated the door landing and the curb ramp has excessive slopes. It is not totally non-accessible but it does not meet compliance.

Russell asked how accessible is it.

Whisenhunt stated Fanning was able to get into the building with her scooter.

Russell stated my concern would be someone falling out of a wheelchair/scooter.

Fanning stated if it was excessive I missed it and I try to pay close attention to that stuff.

Whisenhunt stated it is out of compliance. The landing is about 3.5% out of compliance and the ramp has like a 10% slope instead of an 8.3%. It is excessive but most wheelchairs/scooters could make it.

Russell stated do we want to change the 1.

Whisenhunt stated I would say 2 or 3.

Jones asked do we want to change the whole series to a 3.

Whisenhunt stated yes. The entry door is a single door. It is wide enough and there is room once you get inside. I would say a 2 or 3. The entry door hardware is not complaint because it doesn't have the panic bar. I would keep that as a 1.

Russell stated if it is wide enough let's make it a 3 so we can fix both of those at the same time.

Whisenhunt stated it doesn't have the D ring you would normally have. It isn't good to grasp.

Russell stated let's leave that as a 1. The gym has no accessible/designated seating.

Whisenhunt stated there is minimal seating with no interval seating.

Neitzke stated there isn't a lot of space for seating and there isn't designated handicap seating.

Fanning asked what events are held there. When I asked they stated they had done away with about everything.

Neitzke stated they play some basketball.

Russell stated if there isn't any permanent seating then why would we have to have disabled seating. When setting up chairs you need to make certain you have designated seating for the disabled. Maybe we need a policy issued stating when setting up chairs for an event you need to designate disabled seating.

Neitzke stated accommodation on an as needed basis.

Whisenhunt stated we could move that to a 6.

Russell stated I agree. The exterior has excessive slopes and surface under play equipment.

Whisenhunt stated there are sidewalks with offsets and cross slopes but the width is not real wide. There will need to be sidewalk reconstruction to get to the playground and the second items deals with the playground equipment.

Russell asked so where is says excessive slopes/terrain to we need to add sidewalks.

Whisenhunt stated the slopes/terrain is dealing with the sidewalks. Sidewalks need to be defined there.

Russell stated so put sidewalks in parentheses there.

Whisenhunt stated yes.

Russell asked is the playground equipment still there.

Neitzke stated yes.

Kesler stated the rubber surface is good for child play but a wheelchair can't get around in it.

Neitzke stated right now the fiber is the most accessible. They are wood chips called engineered wood fiber. It goes through a grading process to be tested and certified. It is susceptible to different weather conditions but is the most successful. You have the issue of getting from parking site and the surface of the play piece has to be accessible with a transfer point. There is also a percentage of activities have to be accessible. There are a lot of components anytime you have a playground.

Fanning stated you cannot drive a wheelchair across the wood chips.

Neitzke stated I agree. At this time they are the most accessible. There is no law governing surface underneath a playground. All that exist is guidelines.

Russell stated so it is not accessibility to the equipment it is the fall from the equipment.

Neitzke stated as a municipality we should be aware of the fall requirement that the Consumer Product Safety Standards puts out. You can run a concrete walk within six feet of the play piece and have a sixty inches wide access to transfer on. If a child is accompanied by an adult in a wheelchair and when the child becomes uncomfortable and wants down how does the adult get on the play equipment to access the child. The simplest thing to do is make it accessible and worry about the fall later.

Russell stated let's leave those at a 2 for now. I think we need to do some research and come up with a game plan. This will be true for all our playgrounds. Next is the men and women's toilet room.

Whisenhunt stated they are not even close.

Fanning stated one of the doors doesn't even have a lock but that is the least of the problems.

Whisenhunt stated when we built the gym we did not build new bathrooms and should have.

Russell stated so both restrooms needs to be done away with.

Fanning stated I don't believe the room is capable of having a proper handicap facility.

Whisenhunt stated a single facility will be all you can get.

Neitzke stated I don't know if the doors are 36".

Fanning stated I got in with my scooter but it was very close.

Whisenhunt stated I believe they are 32".

Russell asked what are the requirements for the number of stalls in a facility.

Whisenhunt stated it is based on the occupancy load. That also drives the number of handicap accessible parking position you need.

Fanning asked could you make a unisex handicap and then a single male/female.

Whisenhunt stated yes but depending on the occupancy level you may need more than 1. We probably need input from Wellhouse on the occupancy load for the building.

Fanning asked what is the priority.

Russell stated let's leave it at a 3 until we do some more research. As a general rule for restrooms we need to look at what is required based off the occupancy of the building. That will determine renovation or recreation. Next is the municipal pool Everything on the parking is a 6.

Jones stated there is one handicap accessible sign right in front of the building. It is not stripped or marked. It is a sign with a ramp going to the front gate.

Russell asked are those priority 6 or should they be higher.

Whisenhunt stated it should be higher.

Russell stated if you can't get from the car to the facility that would be a 1.

Jones stated a 2 minimum. The entrance would be a 1 and the spaces and path to the front gate a 2. There is plenty of room to designate parking on the north side. You would have to build a ramp and there was plenty of room to do that.

Russell stated the accessible space designated a 2 and not located on an accessible route change the 6's to 2's. The surface of recommended parking has excessive slope.

Whisenhunt stated based on our earlier discussion it would be more of a 4. It is excessive but not extreme.

Russell stated so 6 to 2, 6 to 2 and 6 to 4. Passenger loading zone are all 2's and I would say we would want to leave them as 2's. Next is men's shower room.

Whisenhunt stated there are multiple issues there. There is absolutely no way the men or women's could be used right now. That is along the same line as the restrooms.

Russell stated I would recommend to look at overall restoration.

Whisenhunt stated that is a major renovation and I'm not certain there is enough square footage to accommodate it all. I'm not certain you aren't talking about rebuilding new showers.

Russell stated okay the pool area.

Whisenhunt asked did they get the lift.

Neitzke stated yes.

Russell stated I was curious as to why they put this here because this was in place when they did their assessment.

Whisenhunt stated I don't believe it was in place when the report was done.

Neitzke stated if they went and looked we remove it from the pool because of the seasons. It might not have been in place when they came through.

Fanning asked so is the pool is accessible.

Whisenhunt stated yes.

Fanning stated so the facilities work but are totally out of compliance.

Whisenhunt stated the restrooms are not accessible but the pool is.

Russell stated I think those priorities are pretty accurate. Okay Map 9 Carnegie Library.

Jones stated that building is a dog with a lot of fleas.

Whisenhunt stated it is a historic building but as far as usability there is none.

Russell stated it does have the ramp but it is out of compliance. We could probably work with what we have to make it accessible into the building.

Russell stated everything is a priority 2 with the exception of the accessible parking and drinking fountains. Let's leave the priorities as they are until we look to see what we can and cannot do since it is a historical building. I think the priorities are in line.

Fanning stated with the buildings we are bring up to ADA standards who determines where we start first.

Russell stated once we create our priorities then we will create a schematic with all the priority 1's. Then I'll get with the Department Directors and get them started on their list.

Fanning stated it seems like the areas open to the public should have more priority.

Russell stated we have completed through Map 9 and we will stop for the day. We will go through Maps 10-13 at our next meeting.

Whisenhunt stated everything we did reviews on are not listed. For instance the airport. It has recently been compliant but there are other facilities around the lakes that are not complaint. We probably need to pull those in.

Russell stated why don't you and I get together before the next meeting and go over that list.

Whisenhunt stated the list needs to be prioritized.

Russell stated okay let's go back to the minutes.

Kesler stated on page 2 fourth paragraph you need to add Southeast. On page 4 in the tenth paragraph after drinking fountains you need to add restrooms. On page 10 seventh paragraph you need to change with to will. And on page 11 seventh paragraph change won't to want. Also we need to add page numbers and the maps that are referred to within the minutes.

Motion by Kesler, **Second** by Fanning, to approve the minutes of July 29, 2014 with stated corrections. **Aye:** Fanning; Kesler; Russell. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by Fanning, **Second** by Kesler, to approve said changes made to the Transition Plan. **Aye:** Kesler; Russell; Fanning. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

2. Comments/Discussion

3. Adjournment

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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