

MINUTES
LAWTON ACCESS BOARD
NEW CITY HALL - CITY ATTORNEY'S CONFERENCE ROOM
212 SW 9th STREET
JUNE 30, 2015

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 (stood in for Mike Jones).

ABSENT: Sharon Fanning; Kay Love.

OTHER PRESENT: Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office.

APPROVE MINUTES of April 28, 2015 meeting

Harper stated on page 3 it states \$950 and should stated \$950,000.

Motion by Harper, **Second** by Kesler, to approve the minutes of April 28, 2015 with stated corrections. **Aye:** Harper; Kesler; Whisenhunt. **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 last time we talked about adding sidewalks to the maps. Here are new maps with 3 different colors for sidewalks. Green is for those complete, blue is under construction and red is in design.

Harper stated I noticed in Sunday's paper they started the project on 27th.

Whisenhunt stated they were working on other streets until school was out. It was still raining once school was out so we couldn't get started. The green sidewalks are in compliance. There are other sidewalks in compliance but we haven't verified them.

Harper stated so all the green lines are in compliance.

Whisenhunt stated they were when we looked at them. That isn't to say something hasn't happened since then. The blue lines we either have a contract on them or they are under construction. Map 25 shows the Fort Sill Boulevard sidewalks and at the north end you see a pedestrian bike path project. It will run from Railroad to Fort Sill Boulevard and from Gore to

Cache Road. This is around the Elmer Thomas Park area. The intersection located at Gore and 11th Street will be in compliance with new lights and pedestrian crosswalks. We have other sidewalks that have been installed that we haven't verified and have not been added to the map. Once we have them verified we will add them to the map.

Harper stated I know that there are sidewalks on C Avenue that aren't compliant.

Whisenhunt stated years ago they didn't concentrate on cross slopes and this is an issue.

Harper asked "Does sidewalk in design mean you are working on designing it?"

Whisenhunt stated yes.

Harper stated priorities 11, 4, and 12 are all in red. Does that mean they are in design?

Whisenhunt stated yes or they will be. Those are our priorities and they haven't started the design on them. If you see double lines on each side of the street this means there are sidewalks on both sides. Is there any other discussion or comments on these maps?

Harper stated progress is shown but I would have liked to have seen more completed. My concern is the main arterials. They are very dangerous.

Whisenhunt stated I agree.

Harper asked "Why do you build 8' sidewalks?"

Whisenhunt stated the minimum for an arterial is 6' but if you are only putting them in on one side you want it wider so you don't have to put in passing areas. An 8' could also function as a bike path. We prefer 10' for a bike path but 8' is the minimum. Okay let's set the maps aside. Another item we talked about last time was cost for a bus stop. For a landing, curb ramp and 60' sidewalk the cost is \$2,236. That gets you across 1 lot. For every driveway you cross it will take another \$1,680 and every lineal foot that goes beyond the 60' will cost an additional \$6.00 a lineal foot. If it is from the bus stop to a driveway opening it is \$1,150.

Harper stated there are 2 bus stops on Smith just off Sheridan and the only way to use one of them is to use a driveway on one side and sit in a driveway on the other side.

Whisenhunt stated many of those stops are just signs.

Harper stated the driveway is 20 or 30' from the sign so it shouldn't take much to fix it.

Whisenhunt stated we have not received any request for those kinds of accessibilities. The only request we have received was on the Eastside Park. It will cost around \$2,500 to get a sidewalk from the street to the park. The park will not be compliant just getting to the park. At the last meeting we decided to determine what percentage we wanted to go towards minor

requests. Your priorities will service more people but when you have a real request for a minor project they are also important. We need to decide on a percentage.

Harper stated I think we should have at least 20%.

Whisenhunt stated 20% would set aside \$200,000. Using this amount you would lose 1 priority from your list. Five percent would be \$50,000 and 10% would be \$100,000. The only formal request we have had is the Eastside Park and the cost would be around \$1,000.

Motion by Harper, Second by Kesler, to approve 10% of their funding to go towards projects other than their main priorities. **Aye:** Kesler; Whisenhunt; Harper. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Harper stated I would like to submit a request for the bus stops at Sheridan and Smith. How do I do that? This is a dual bus stop for Orange and Red.

Whisenhunt stated we have a form on line or you can call Mike Jones. At this time they have not looked at a second round of bonds. The first round will go towards the safety facility. No money has been collected to start our priorities.

Harper stated I thought they were supposed to start that sometime last year.

Whisenhunt stated we started collecting the sales tax but the first priority of \$40,000,000 will be for the safety facility. This facility will include the police department, a fire station and municipal court. They did issue bonds for this facility. The projects that are being done at this time are being done through the City budget in our normal operations.

Harper stated I was in hopes they would have some money sooner because the arterials are very important.

Whisenhunt stated we might be able to do the smaller projects that come from the 10% sooner.

2. Comments/Discussion

Whisenhunt stated our next scheduled meeting will be August the 25th.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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