



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2019

3:00 pm, City Hall, Basement Conference Room

Members Present:

Sheria Davis, Vice Chair
Katherine Ballard
Debra Turner
Pamela Barnhill

Members Absent:

JoAnne Fluke, Chair
Donna Reiff
Virginia Zak

City Staff Present:

Kelley Messer, Assistant City Attorney
Veronica Diaz, HR Generalist

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm by the Vice Chair, Sheria Davis.

2. Approval of meeting minutes from September 10, 2019

Minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting were presented and reviewed. Katherine Ballard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pamela Barnhill seconded. Motion carried.

3. Take a bus tour and discuss accessibility of selected City parks (CityLink bus tour departing from and returning to City Hall)

The Board got onboard a CityLink bus and toured the following selected parks:

Carver Park – G.V. Daniels playground
Stevenson Park splash pad
Cal Young Park – challenger field
Nelson Park
Rose Park

The tour was guided by Lesli Andrews, Director of Community Services. Chris Gibson, Assistant Director of Community Services and Richard Rogers, Parks Administrator, were also aboard the bus to answer questions for the Board.

Current accessibility features and areas of improvements discussed were:

GV Daniels Recreation Center/Carver Park
N Treadaway & N 8th

The playground does not contain features that are wheel chair accessible, but the park is surrounded by sidewalks and the playground cover is a rubber material that makes it easy to maneuver a wheelchair.

Stevenson Park
Cockerell & E N 7th

Viewed the splashpad. All features are ADA accessible. Restrooms are also ADA accessible with connecting sidewalks.

Cal Young Park
T&P Lane & S 11th

This park contains a little league field, disc golf course, outdoor hockey rink, creek, and playground. The little league field have had the dugouts expanded to make wheelchair accessible. This is the field where the Challenger Division plays.

It was first noticed and mentioned at this park that roads connecting to parks don't have sidewalks. It is not common for sidewalks to connect neighborhoods to parks, but once inside, most parks do have sidewalks.

Nelson Park
Loop 322 @ Hwy 36 E

Features at this park include baseball and softball fields, splashpad, two playgrounds, Festival Gardens, dog park, and 3 fishing ponds. It also connects to the Abilene Zoo.

There are plans to make the first smaller playground inclusive.

Oscar Rose Park
S 7th & Barrow

This park contains Adaptive Recreation Center, Safety City, Senior Citizen's Center, an amphitheater, baseball fields, tennis courts, skate park, playground, Adventure Cove Aquatic Center, and recreation center.

Adventure Cove is equipped with two wheelchair lifts.

4. Recess to return to City Hall

After touring the parks, the Board returned to City Hall.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Brenda Alexander, Director of Human Resources
and ADA Coordinator, Ex-Officio

December 10, 2019

Approved by Board on ~~November 12, 2019~~:



JoAnne Fluke, Chair