

**Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board Meeting
Attendance and Minutes for April 26, 2017**

Envision Basement Meeting Room, 610 N. Main **10:00 a.m.**

Mr. David Calvert, Chair

Present Voting Members

David Calvert	Sanford Alexander, III	Dr. David Waldie
Brian Powers	Steven Walters	Randy Roebuck
Ed Koon	Roman Rodriguez	Craig Perbeck
Crissy Magee	Dr. Brian Coon	Mike Thompson
	Lesia Lank	

Absent Voting Members

De Eaton	Glen Davidson	Joann Hartig
Nick Taylor	Lori Lawrence (excused)	Tiffany Nickel (excused)
Deb Wetta	Lorien Showalter (excused)	Steve Hinds (excused)
Grady Landrum	Bob Hamilton (excused)	Shawn Walters (excused)
Jason Gegen	Luke Newman (excused)	

City/County Staff Present

(Non-Voting Members)

Jay Hinkel	Patricia Parker	Jan Hunt
Migwi Karugu	Deb Zavala	Kari Rinker

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Mr. David Calvert, Chair of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board called the meeting to order. Mr. Calvert welcomed the group and asked for self-introductions to continue proceeding around the room.

Sedgwick County Management Intern, Deb Zavala, announced that after the meeting minutes have been approved they will be added to the Sedgwick County website. The Sedgwick County ADA Coordinator, Crissy Magee, is listed as the primary contact for the Board. The Operating Policies along with a current yearly calendar of approved meeting dates is also posted on the website.

II. Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from March 2017 meeting of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access

Advisory Board Sanford Alexander moved that the March 2017 meeting minutes be approved, seconded by Dr. Brian Coon. The motion passed unanimously, 13–0.

III. New Business

A. Delano District – Brian Coon, ADA Coordinator, City of Wichita

Brian Coon, ADA Coordinator, City of Wichita, has identified several businesses in the Delano District requiring different ADA needs. Migwi Karugu, Shawn Walters, and he had visited these establishments. They had inspected the premises in depth and had found inadequate parking situations; now the district will add a total of ten additional ADA stalls to this area, making a huge impact. Together, they are going to try a direct approach and continue talking to the business owners in the area and offer their help to improve accessibility issues.

Mr. Calvert announced that the City of Wichita plans to have completed ADA parking stalls within its covered parking garage by end of May.

Sanford Alexander asked Brian Coon if he could have further conversations with management at Town East Mall, of Simon Properties, regarding suitable bus access. There was further

discussion around how to bring about action against a business, should they not take an effort to make the area accessible to individuals with disabilities and to follow ADA compliance. Brian Coon agreed to find out more concerning on-site construction at Town East Mall location, as well as bus access to the location.

B. Certificate of Appreciation – Dr. David Waldie

- a) Standards update - Dr. Waldie advised the Board that he has a draft policy, reviewed by Dr. Brian Coon, and ready for review of the Board. Mr. Calvert suggested a slight amendment to the wording of procedure #3, to read as: An effort beyond that which is required by law. Craig Perbeck motioned to approve the slight amendment and to accept the draft of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board Certificate of Appreciation as an attachment of the Operating Policies, seconded by Dr. Brian Coon. The motion passed unanimously, 13–0.
- b) Publicity discussion - Mr. Calvert was disappointed that there was not any media coverage about Costco receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from the Board. Sanford Alexander expressed that the Board could search opportunities for community outreach in many different areas. Deb Zavala mentioned that the story of Costco receiving the award ran on both Sedgwick County’s Facebook and Twitter accounts; In order to develop a larger viewing audience, more interest parties could share this story to their account. Dr. Waldie stated that every different communication tool is going to reach a different demographic. Roman Rodriguez discussed having a social media account for the Board, but cautioned whether or not they could produce enough content and engage enough. Kari Rinker suggested that a proactive approach such as sharing generalized ADA topics would produce greater communication results. Further discussion from Randy Roebuck followed around the idea of creating such communication as to produce a type of learning tool for our community and to education people. Mr. Calvert likes the idea of sharing additional ADA accessibility subjects with local businesses and the general public. He would like to produce community outreach efforts through local communication channels such as KMUW, Q92, The Wichita Eagle, The Wichita Business Journal, The Wichita/Sedgwick County Council and Commissioner District newsletters. Dr. Waldie brought up that somebody needs to manage such communications and that transportation reaches a broad audience to do so. Another member stated that Bob Hamilton is on the Wichita Transit Board and that they are hiring a Marketing Manager soon; perhaps this position could include accessibility topics along with transportation issues.

IV. Old Business

- A. **Pedestrian Safety Transportation update** – Sanford Alexander stated that Wichita Transit has been going through major changes with paratransit as well as trying to increase overall business. Mr. Alexander would like to commend Wichita Transit on being a good partner to this board. Lesa Lank gave a quick update on upcoming events. She shared her excitement in respects to future marketing efforts and passed around a few brochures about the Q-line service.
- B. **Old Cowtown Museum** - Migwi Karugu would like the Board to express gratitude to Historic Wichita Cowtown. Specifically, about the structural items that improve the long-term accessibility in Cowtown. Dr. Waldie moved that Mr. Calvert or Mr. Perbeck have the authority to speak on behalf of the Board, seconded by Dr. Coon. The motion passed unanimously, 13–0.

- V. **Adjourn** - Having being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.