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ADA Advisory Council Agenda

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

1:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

Present: Chair Joe Charey, Vice-Chair Kim Dietrich, Robert Nugent, Monique Vopat, Anthony Fadale, Carrie Hageman, Steve Schoenberg, Michael Byington, Wulf Roby,

Members Absent:

Visitors: ASL Interpreter, Joseline Fierro, Susan McClacherty

Staff: Community Engagement Director and Interim DEI Officer Monique Glaude', Diversity Equity and Inclusion Sr. Program Coordinator Zaynah Afada

Welcome & Introduction:

- Approval of Agenda and Minutes:
 - Michael motioned to approve the agenda, and Steve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Carrie motioned to approve the meeting minutes, and Steve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- New Business: N/A
- Old Business:
 - End of Year Celebration Updates: Joe shared that Kim, Steve, and Anthony are included in an email to make sure the event takes place and make sure the ADA interpretation is available.
 - Steve shared that the planning group may have to contact Nexus to help with the interpretation. Zaynah shared that the city will need to communicate with Nexus since it is a contractual agreement.
 - Monique G. shared that she will allow four planning meetings with the ASL interpreter present for the End-of-Year Celebration event. She requested that the planning committee for this event provide Zaynah with the dates they'd like to meet and who will contact Nexus for the meetings.
 - Joe shared that she will contact Kim, Steve, and Anthony for those dates.
 - The ADA board stated that the end-of-year event will take place at the Topeka Public Library on December 12th or 13th, 2024, from 1 PM to 4 PM, depending on the library's availability.

- ADA Retreat Updates: Monique shared that she will also allow four planning meetings with the ASL interpreter present for the ADA Retreat planning. She also stated that the maximum amount that can be spent for the End-of-Year Celebration event and the ADA Retreat is \$1,500.
 - Joe shared that a space is available for free use. The space is Trainers Architect, located on the west side of Van Buren. She'll follow up with the building's owner and provide an update to the board.
 - Anthony asked if the ADA complies with hosting a Retreat in a different location. Monique G. said yes; however, the city of Topeka would like to have an agreement with the trainer architect to utilize the building for the retreat. The agreement can be an email.
 - Michael motioned to authorize Joe and Steve to decide and commit to Trainer Architect as the Retreat location if they find it acceptable; Anthony seconded the motion and added this would be subject to the agreement specified by staff. The motion passed unanimously.
- August ADA Community Information Session Updates: Monique G. shared that she will allow one meeting a month with ASL interpretation present for the Information Sessions in 2025.
 - Zaynah provided a review of who is on each subcommittee for the 2025 information session.
 - Public Accommodation and Service Animals Subcommittee: Michael, Carrie, and Anthony
Presentation Contact: Ray Petty at Raypetty@aol.com
 - Equally Effective Communication Subcommittee: Steve, Joe, and Michael
Presentation Contact: Robert Cooper Robert.Cooper@ks.gov
 - Joe requested updates from each subcommittee regarding the information sessions.
- ADA Coordinator and Staff Update:
 - ADA Complaints Updates: Director Glaude' shared that there were no complaints submitted in September.
- ADA Council updates
 - Joe shared that she will attend her first MTPO meeting in October. She will provide updates to the next ADA Board meeting.
 - Michael shared that the issues with the stop-calling systems on Topeka Metro buses have been resolved.
- Public Comment:
 - No public comments
- Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2024
- Adjourn – Meeting 2:15 pm.