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ADA Advisory Council Agenda

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

1:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

Present: Chair Joe Charey, Robert Nugent, Carrie Hageman, Steve Schoenberg, Michael Byington, Wulf Roby, Anthony Fadale

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Kim Dietrich, Monique Vopat,

Visitors: ASL Interpreter, Remy, Susan

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:
 - Steve motioned to approve the agenda, and Wulf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Michael motioned to approve the meeting minutes, and Carrie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- New Business: N/A
- Old Business:
 - End-of-Year Celebration Updates: Steve invited Robert Cooper to the End-of-Year Celebration. He will also bring some resources for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community to the Celebration.
 - Joe asked Michael for an update on the braille translation. Michael said it would be ready by the January retreat.
 - Zaynah will make copies of material for the Celebration.
 - Joe asked Robert Nugent to provide copies of the Lift services Information for the End-of-Year Celebration and the ADA Retreat. Michael shared that that information should also be available in Braille.
 - Zaynah provided an update on the catering order for the Celebration.
 - Members of the ADA Council continued the discussion on the agenda and set up of the Celebration.

- Michael motioned to designate Joe Charey as the official spokesperson with the Media for the celebration; Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
- ADA Retreat Updates: Joe shared she has gotten pictures of the available rooms. The doorway was measured at 36 inches, allowing anyone with a wheelchair to enter the door comfortably.
 - Zaynah asked for the food menu to be shared with her. She will then forward that to all ADA members and ask them to select their preferred food for the Retreat.
 - Michael will provide a coffee maker.
- August ADA Community Information Session Updates: Steve shared that there
 has been successful communication and asked how staff will advertise to the
 public of the event. Director Glaude' shared that once the dates and details are
 finalized, the information will be shared with the communications Department to
 share with the public.
 - Michael shared that his committee has no updates at this time. He submitted an initial report and decided to center the training around a presentation from the Disability Rights Center of Kansas. Michael shared that the committee will reach out to Ray Petty after the retreat in January to continue the discussion on providing a presentation to the public.

• ADA Coordinator and Staff Update:

O ADA Complaints Updates: Director Glaude' provided an update on the ADA complaint received regarding a local shelter resident. Because the Shelter receives HUD funding, the City's Legal and Housing Services Department has been involved in the complaint. The shelter has confirmed they're committed to resolving the issue and has been given a time frame for when to provide the city with an update. Director Glaude' will follow up with members of the ADA Council when their update is available.

• ADA Council updates

 MTPO TAC Board Meeting: Joe shared that the MTPO meetings are held after ADA meetings. She wants all members of the Council to be aware that the updates she has to report will be provided the following month.

• Public Comment:

- No public comments
- Next meeting: Wednesday, January 08, 2025
- Adjourn Meeting 2:00 pm.