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## ADA Advisory Council End-of-Year Celebration Minutes

Friday, December 13, 2024

12:00 pm, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library

**Present:** Chair Joe Charey, Monique Vopat, Steve Schoenberg, Michael Byington, Wulf Roby, Anthony Fadale

**Members Absent:** Vice-Chair Kim Dietrich, Carrie Hageman, Robert Nugent,

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

Welcome & Introduction: Joe Charey welcomes community members who will be present at the celebration.

- Introduction of Council Members:
  - Six council members introduced themselves to the public and shared how long they have been a part of the council.
- Review April 2023 Presentation to Council:
  - Joe provided an overview of the presentation the ADA shared with the council in April 2023, leaving room for questions from individuals present.
- Work Completed in 2024:
  - Joe led the discussion, sharing what the ADA Advisory Council worked on in 2024.
- ADA Retreat 2025
  - Joe shared that ADA will host their retreat in January 2025 to create a strategic plan for the year.
- Public Input session:
  - Joe led the public input session with assistance from Michael. During the input session, the public shared what they'd like to see the ADA council work on and the information needed for the public.
    - Sidewalk installation and maintenance
    - Access to public information
    - Related public transportation issues

- Accessibility is often canceled out by construction
  - ADA Enforcement
  - Emergency Preparedness
  - Parking study:
- End-of-year Celebration Adjourn – Meeting 3:30 pm.