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ADA Advisory Council Retreat Minutes

Friday, January 17, 2025

1:00 pm, In-person & Zoom Meeting

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

Members Absent:

Visitors: ASL Interpreters

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

Welcome & Introduction:

- Review April 2024 Presentation:
 - Joe Charey reviewed the April 2024 presentation shared with the City of Topeka Governing Body. The presentation included a list of the work completed in 2023 and goals for 2024.
- End-of-Year Celebration Public Input Review:
 - Members of the ADA review taken by Michael during the End-of-Year Celebration. Topics of this discussion included:
 - 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
- Topeka ADA Ordinance Review
 - Joe led the discussion of the ADA ordinance, giving members an overview of the duties and responsibilities of the ADA. Joe will send an email to Director Glaude' with a list of events and activities the ADA wants to focus on in 2025
- Change in ADA Bylaws:
 - Joe led the discussion regarding changes needed in the bylaws. Director Glaude' shared that the Governing Body has not yet approved the ADA bylaws. She will

contact legal to request their attendance at an ADA meeting to assist in the discussion and creating bylaws that the Governing Body can approve. Joe will email Director Glaude' with a list of questions for the City Attorney, and items to added to the bylaws.

- Public Comment:
 - There were no public comments
- Adjourn – Meeting 4:00 pm.