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On Thursday, October 3rd, 2013, the Advisory Commission for People with Disabilities (ACPD) held a regular meeting in the Commission Chambers on the 3rd floor of City Hall at 12:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT TODAY	NO. OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT
Richard Wagner III	Yes	236	201
Myrtle Hodge	Yes	52	48
Joe Rogers	Yes	29	27
Doug Hammett	No	29	23
Mark Sturkie	Yes	30	28
Jim Mitchell	Yes	26	22
Hilda Easley	No	24	19

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE: 3 MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE: 0

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Phelps, Jonathan Beckham, Jenifer Ledbetter

ITEM 1: Approve the minutes from meeting held on June 6, 2013

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting was made by Jim Mitchell, seconded by Joe Rogers and carried by a vote of 3:0. Richard Wagner abstained.

ITEM 2: Discuss the updates for Phase IV of the Bus Stop Construction Project

Public Works Department staff member was not available to answer questions. The item was tabled.

ITEM 3: Phase V Bus Stop Request Evaluation presented by Jonathan Beckham

Jonathan researched presented 12 bus stop requests.

#1 - SE 14th & Hodges: To add a bench to this bus stop a new bus pad would need to be constructed. The curb cut would also need to be brought up to current ADA regulations.

#2 – NW 13th & Polk: to Amarillo Blvd: A citizen requested a bench at NW 13th and Polk as well as an updated accessible route from 13th to Amarillo Blvd along Polk. Although the City has adequate right of way, there are some issues that must be addressed. There are trees that are displacing the sidewalk that must be removed, all curb cuts and ramps must be replaced and the sidewalk must be completely replaced.

#3 – SE 33rd & Osage: This location has a preexisting accessible route and right of way. A new curb cut and bus pad must be installed to bring the site up to current ADA regulations.

#4 – SE 34th & Dallas: A new curb cut must be constructed as well as a new bus stop pad. Adequate right of way exists to accomplish this work.

#5 – Buchanan & SE 14th: This location requires a new bus stop pad, curb cut and ramp. Adequate right of way exists at this location.

#6 – Georgia & SW 26th: A new bus stop pad, curb cut and ramp must be constructed. There is not enough right of way to build a bus stop pad. This bus stop is located very close to a controlled intersection and needs to be relocated south.

#7 – Georgia & Austin: A new bus stop pad, curb cut and ramp must be constructed. There are several obstacles at this location which may prevent the construction. There is not enough right of way to build a bus stop pad. This bus stop is located very close to a controlled intersection and needs to be relocated. Moving the stop north would conflict with preexisting parking spaces, it was recommended to move the stop south across the intersection.

#8 – Western and SW 34th: A citizen requested a bus stop near the Fleetwood shopping center. Two locations were evaluated – 34th between Western and Hobbs and on Western between 34th. Neither location has enough right of way and there is very little space to construct a stop or an accessible route. The Transit Department has an existing bus stop located at Hobbs and SW 34th that can provide access to this area.

#9 – Hobbs and SW 34th: A compliant curb cut and ramp exists at this location. A bus stop pad would need to be added. It will be difficult to build a pad without interfering with the existing parking lot. This area needs to be resurveyed in order to determine the right of way.

#10 - SE 10th & Arthur: A bus stop pad, curb cut and ramp must be added to this location.

#11 – Plains @ Rails to Trails Gazebo: This is a City park and the site needs a bus stop pad and accessible route to connect the passenger to existing sidewalk.

#12 – SW 33rd & Washington: This location has a very wide sidewalk that may qualify as a bus stop pad. The curb cut and ramp may need to be replaced.

ITEM 4: Transit Department Information Brochure presented by Jenifer Ledbetter

Jenifer presented the Transit Department Information Brochure. She explained that the document contains dispatch office calls received information, operating costs and bus route data.

Jim Mitchell asked if any of the routes were running late. Judy Phelps said yes and discussed measures the Transit Department is taking to monitor the situation.

Jennifer then explained the Department has researched QR Codes – so that customers can access a link to the City of Amarillo's website to obtain route information. Amarillo City Transit has GPS (US Fleet Tracking) on all of the vehicles and U S Fleet Tracking is working on a app that would allow the Transit Department's customers to determine where their bus is on the route.

ITEM 4: Public Comment

Carolyn Thornton 1947 S. Mars asked to place an item on the December 2013 Agenda. She will present a discussion about children in strollers on the bus.