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On Thursday, December 5th, 2013, the Advisory Commission for People with Disabilities (ACPD) held a regular meeting in the Council 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	No	237	201
Myrtle Hodge	Yes	53	49
Joe Rogers	Yes	30	28
Doug Hammett	Yes	30	24
Mark Sturkie	Yes	31	29
Jim Mitchell	Yes	27	23
Hilda Easley	Yes	25	20

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE: 6 MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE: 0
 STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Phelps, Jonathan Beckham, Vicki Alexander

ITEM 1: Approve the minutes from meeting held on October 3, 2013

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting was made by Jim Mitchell, seconded by Mark Sturkie and carried by a vote of 5:0.

ITEM 2: Elderly and Disabled 5310 Grant

Susan Stockett, Public Transportation Coordinator with the Texas Department of Transportation presented information related to a new grant opportunity. Panhandle Transit has submitted an application. Jana Goodman from LeFleur said she is gathering data and LeFleur is interested in applying. Jim Mitchell asked for clarification on the procedure for choosing a selection committee. Susan Stockett said if anyone on this board was interested in being on the committee to contact her prior to the December 19th regular PROMPT meeting.

ITEM 3: Phase V Bus Stop Request Evaluation presented by Jonathan Beckham
 Jonathan Beckham researched and presented 13 bus stop requests.

#1 - Western & Gem Lake: City doesn't have enough right of way, would need permission of the business owner to lay a pad and a sidewalk would have to be installed to the corner.

#2 – SW3rd & Fairmount: Permission of the property owner needed. Location has ADA compliant curb ramp. A bus pad would need to be installed.

#3 – SW 3rd & Louisiana: A concrete barrier would have to be removed. City doesn't have enough right of way. Major landscaping would have to be performed.

#4 – SW 3rd & McMasters: Would need property owner's permission, city doesn't have enough right of way. Curb ramp is ADA compliant.

#5 – SW 6th & Carolina: Not accessible because brick would have to be destroyed. A new curb ramp and bus pad would need to be built. Would need the permission of property owners.

#6 – SW 6th & Alabama: This is a busy bus stop. A bus pad and new curb ramp needed, permission of the property owners would have to be obtained.

#7 – Georgia # SW 16th: City has enough right of way. A new compliant curb and bus pad needed.

#8 – SW 10th & N Julian: In ground utilities are located near the current stop. The stop would need to be relocated further east.

#9 – SW 10th & Hayden: There are already two stops; one is 200' from this location and the other is across the street.

#10 – Adams @ BSE: The only issue is there would need to be landscape work to accommodate the bus pad.

#11 – Washington & Wolflin: City doesn't have enough right of way, permission from the property owner needed, Toot 'n Totem.

#12 – Adams & SW 3rd: Not viable for a stop. A curb and sidewalk would need to be added, along with permission from the property owner to move his fence.

#13 – SW 3rd & Monroe: There is enough city right of way, but the curb ramp and sidewalk would need to be replaced.

Jim Mitchell and Myrtle Hodge are concerned with the services in the San Jacinto area along 6th Street, and would like the focus to be on finding a logical solution for that community. Jim Mitchell also asked if Jonathan Beckham had an update on the locations that were listed in the past sessions. He responded by saying he was still going through all the current requests. Judy Phelps stated that the City Engineering Department is very busy and the Transit Department is working on the Federal paperwork needed to hire an engineering firm to go through all the requests and complete the design work.

ITEM 4: Carolyn Thornton will discuss children in strollers on the bus

Ms Thornton stated that buses are unsafe for babies and children in strollers. She also spoke of the need to install child safety restraints and car seats. She challenged the board to find a solution. Jim Mitchell commented that there are many levels of appropriate car seats and injuries could occur if a car seat was installed incorrectly or used incorrectly by age/weight restrictions. Ms. Thornton ascertained that the City should train their bus drivers to install the car

seats. Hilda Easley stated that the seating capacity for adults would diminish if car seats were permanently installed. Jim Mitchell pointed out that bus seats are different from vehicle seats and infant car seats would not be made to fit the bus. Judy Phelps agreed and said that the seats could not be tethered to the frame as they would be in a regular vehicle and, therefore, could not be installed correctly. Jim Mitchell said that the solution will be found outside of the Amarillo area. He suggested that Ms. Thornton and her newly formed Bus Babies, Inc. meet with higher officials in Austin as it appears it would have to be resolved by legislature in Austin. The Board thanked Ms Thornton for her presentation and assured her this was a statewide issue and encouraged her to pursue it.

Myrtle Hodge asked Judy Phelps to look into placing a sign in each bus asking parents to take care of their children. Judy Phelps said she would check with Legal and the Deputy City Manager for direction.

ITEM 5: Public Comment

No public comment.