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CITY OF AMARILLO §

On Thursday, April 3, 2014, 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	Yes	238	202
Myrtle Hodge	Yes	55	50
Joe Rogers	Yes	32	30
Doug Hammett	Yes	32	26
Mark Sturkie	Yes	33	31
Jim Mitchell	Yes	29	25
Hilda Easley	Yes	27	21

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE: 6 MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE: 1
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Phelps, Jonathan Beckham, Jenifer Ledbetter, Christine Lemley

ITEM 1: Approve the minutes from meeting held on December 5, 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. Richard Wagner abstained.

ITEM 2: Phase V Bus Stop Request Evaluation presented by Jonathan Beckham

Jonathan Beckham researched and presented 12 bus stop requests.

#1 – NE 11th and Polk: Request for Stop and Bench at the NE corner of this intersection. A better location is across the NE 11th in an abandoned lot.

#2 – 1601 Holly: Request for a bench at this location on the Fritch Hwy. Hazardous location, could install bus pull in if enough people would use the stop, this would require state permission

#3 – NE 24th and Mirror: Bench request at this location. Obstructions would need to be removed and not enough right of way.

#4 – Bivins Village: Shelter request at this location. Not enough right of way here, but could probably gain property owner permission. Space for sidewalk would be required for an accessible route.

#5 – SE 34th and Nelson: Bench request for this location. Not enough right of way, bus pad would cut into the residence’s yard.

#6 – SE 21st and Osage: Stop request for this location. Not enough right-of-way. SE 22nd street would be a better location

#7 – 1-40 & Ross: Bench request for this location. Plenty of right of way, stop would need to be brought up to ADA compliance.

#8 – SW 11th and Taylor: Stop request for this location. Two locations considered. Stop exists near intersection, so may not be necessary.

#9 – SW 11th and Harrison: Stop request for this location. Enough right of way and can add a bus stop here.

#10 – SW 26th at Market Street: Bench request for this location. Bench was supposed to be installed in Phase IV. The property owner, United Marketstreet and the City could not reach an agreement. ACT will try to place a bench at this location in Phase V.

#11 – Amarillo Blvd at Gamboa's: Stop request for this location. This location does not have any sidewalk and it would be very difficult to place a bus stop in the area.

#12 – SW 3rd and Van Buren: Stop request for this location. This location is already ADA compliant.

No questions or comments from the board members. Jim Mitchell thanked Jonathan for his bus stop request presentation.

ITEM 3: Coalition for the Homeless Public Transportation Survey

Sara Shook spoke to the ACPD and she described the Coalition for the Homeless and the group's efforts to assist homeless persons. She described efforts made by several agencies and individuals who meet monthly to discuss issues and set goals. One issue that comes up frequently is transportation – Sara explained. The Transportation Group decided to take a ride on the bus and survey the service in an effort to better understand public transportation and educate themselves. The group found that some of the trips were long, the bus drivers provide good service and persons who ride the bus were a friendly and welcoming community. Sara expressed the Transportation Groups desire for public transportation to expand service to Affiliated Foods and other employers outside the city limits and add additional hours of service as well as additional routes.

Jim Mitchell commended the Coalition for the Homeless Transportation Groups efforts to evaluate public transportation. He discussed the difficulties of maintaining time schedules and trip length. Jim also noted the difficult task of funding the requests made by the Coalition.

ITEM 4: Public Comment

No public comment.