

Arkansas City Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board

1/13/2022 Minutes

A regular meeting was held **Thursday, January 13, 2022**, via GoToMeeting due to a pandemic. Meeting called to order at **4:05 p.m.**

I. Roll Call:

Board Members

Bob Baker
JoAnn Bierle
James Fry
Anita Judd-Jenkins
Tammy Lanman-Henderson
Frances "Rags" Smith

Staff Liaisons

Mike Bellis
Randy Frazer
Andrew Lawson
Marla McFarland
Larry Schwartz
Josh White

II. Consent Agenda:

JoAnn made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the **November 18, 2021**, regular meeting as written and the calendar of regular Board meetings for **2022**. Rags seconded the motion, which was approved **5-0** on a voice vote. Meetings will be **Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8**.

III. Committee Updates:

The next regular 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee meeting is at **noon January 20** at the Water Treatment Facility.

IV. Old Business:

Andrew said all the City's current **Title VI** documents, which are also available online, were included in the packet for review.

Andrew showed the Board an online web form Josh developed with which people can report **sidewalk problems** or needs.

This looks like more of a springtime effort at this point, but Andrew encouraged Board members to start planning for it now.

He also shared the City's **sidewalk repair specifications** with the Board to share with residents who want to make repairs.

Carina talked to the Board again about her ideas for **heritage recognition events** in 2022. No progress has been made on this since the July conversation due to confusion about who is responsible for what. After extended discussion, it was decided to start publishing recognitions using various media in **2022** and plan for more detailed, committee-run events starting in **2023**.

Andrew and several Board members expressed concern about the ability to generate interest in many new committees, given how hard it has been to find Board members in general. He thinks it will take more time than anticipated to find volunteers.

Rags said she wants to try to highlight local individuals and not just national ones during these heritage recognition events.

V. New Business:

Andrew said he would like the Board to designate one or two members to serve as representative(s) to the **Cowley County Council on Aging**, to replace Mike Crandall and Larry Gilmore. **Rags** was nominated but not yet ready to commit to joining.

He said Robin Henderson had planned to attend this meeting to discuss her **Juneteenth 2022** event, but was not able to do so.

VI. Reports:

Marla gave an overview of the EEO-4 report she filed recently. There has been minor progress since the 2019 EEO-4 report.

VII. Other Miscellaneous Items:

Andrew provided a brief ADA parking update to the Board and said Mike would have more information for them next month.

Rags made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anita seconded the motion, which was approved **5-0** on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at **5:16 p.m.** The next meeting of the Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board will be at **4 p.m. Feb. 10, 2022**.