

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
 CITY OF AMARILLO

On Thursday, April 4th, 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	NO	234	200
Myrtle Hodge	YES	50	46
Joe Rogers	YES	27	25
Doug Hammett	YES	26	21
Mark Sturkie	YES	28	25
Jim Mitchell	YES	24	20
Hilda Easley	NO	22	19

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

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE: 1 MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE: 0

ITEM 1: Approve minutes from meeting held on Thursday; February 7, 2013.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting was made by Doug Hammett, seconded by Myrtle Hodge and carried a vote of 4:0:1, with Jim Mitchell abstaining due to absence on February 7, 2013.

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

Mr. Beckham discussed the ADA regulations involved in researching the bus bench requests. Then Mr. Beckham began to explain the bus stop request locations. The first stop at Soncy Rd. near Furr's Cafeteria has 200' Right-Of-Way and an accessible route; however damages on the sidewalk hold that project back. Board Member Jim Mitchell asked who pays for the projects and how are they prioritized. Judy Phelps, Transit Manager, answered that the funds come from federal grants which go toward operating first, then capital such as bus benches as approved by the Amarillo City Commission and FTA Program of Projects.

Mr. Beckham stated that there are three requests at Soncy Rd. near Country Barn. The City of Amarillo has 30' Right-Of-Way and an accessible route. Board Member Mitchell asked how Texas Department of Transportation projects on I-40 would affect the bus bench request, but Mr. Beckham explained that the proposed locations would not be affected since the bus is on the other side of the road. The bus bench request at Westgate Pkwy. is on private property therefore the City of Amarillo has no Right-Of-Way. The Transit Department would need the property owner's permission to do the project. The bus pull-in request at Randall County Annex would be limited because of utility poles that are 120' apart, and the pull-in would require a recommended 260' space for the location to be feasible. There are also Right-Of-Way issues with that request. The League House has enough Right-Of-Way, but there would need to be additional 400'-500' of sidewalk and curb cuts to prepare the location according to ADA requirements.

The City of Amarillo has 35' of Right-Of-Way at the requested location near Urgent Care on Coulter St, but a curb cut needs to be installed. Mr. Beckham warned that the bus may have difficulty getting back into the left hand lane from the requested bus stop location. There is 41' of Right-Of-Way at I-40 near Cinema Dr., but the location has no accessibility and has a large drainage ditch in the way which could be very expensive. Mr. Beckham stated that there are restaurants, hotels, and a Post Office at that location, but a stop going through onto Cinema Dr. would require a bus route change.

At the Wolflin St. and Wisdom St. location, the old pads are not ADA compliant and would need to be replaced with 2 new pads, but there is enough Right-Of-Way. Mr. Beckham said this location would be a good location otherwise. A bench was requested at I-40 and Bell St., but the property owner does not want it there. The location of the request has been moved to the west.

The bench request at Golden Corral for Phase IV was granted. There is enough Right-Of-Way at 27th Ave. and Paramount St. and an accessible route, however, the slope of the grass may hinder bus pad placement. Board Member Mitchell stated that he felt there is a need for a bus stop near Urgent Care and the restaurants along the access road of I-40 and Soncy Road.

ITEM 3: Discuss the updates for Phase IV for the Bus Stop Improvement Project.

Fred DeLaGarza, Senior Engineering Design Technician, spoke regarding Phase IV and V of the bus stop project stating that the project has moved toward 6900 I-40 near the Atrium building. The construction crew will have 3 bus benches installed, and have worked 35 out of 127 working days. There are no major issues, and things seem to be on time. The project has used about \$120,000 of the funds. Judy Phelps stated that Phase V may be contracted out instead of using the Engineering Department.

ITEM 4: Announcements

There were no announcements made, and Board Member Mark Sturkie called the meeting to adjourn.