1. Agenda
   Pat made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Patrick seconded that motion.
   The motion passed Newly-elected officers assumed roles today. There was no change in
   officers since they were all reelected in December.

2. General Public Comment
   Steve read a letter submitted by Joel Luciano. Mr. Luciano made recommendations on
   how to pursue assistance for public parking and feels that the Department of Justice
   should be utilized when resolutions cannot be achieved. He understands that this
   committee feels like it is not the ADA police, however, we should never pass up an
   opportunity to advocate for people with disabilities.

3. Approve minutes from December 16, 2020
   Catherine made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Patrick
   seconded that motion. The motion passed.

4. Speaker - Rapid City Public Works – Doug Noyes
   Steve mentioned that there was a complaint about city parking last fall which brought
   us to invite Doug Noyes from engineering to speak to the committee about public
   parking in Rapid City downtown.

   Doug mentioned that the city follows the Public Right of Ways Accessibility Guidelines
   for all new construction, alterations, temporary public facilities, and existing public
   facilities that are being remodeled. In these cases sidewalks and parking facilities must
   meet ADA standards. When resurfacing streets, if sidewalks are required, they must be
   upgraded to ADA standards as well. The guidelines indicate a 4 foot wide minimum,
   however, Rapid City uses a 5 foot minimum with. By using this standard there is no need
   to put in a 5 x 5 foot turnaround every 200 feet. The running slope at crosswalks is 1
   inch over 20 inches. They try to maintain cross slopes at 0% with a 2% maximum. This
   equals 1 inch and 4 feet cross slope. 5% is the maximum at a signalized intersection.
   Curb ramps have a 1 to 12” running slope with a 1 to 48” cross slope the city prefers to
   have curb cuts going north/south and east/west. Some cities install diagonal curb cuts
   which could expose people to more traffic. With two curb cuts at every intersection they
   always make sure that there is a 5 x 5’ landing to allow changing direction.

   In regards to on street parking the Public Right of Ways Accessibility Guidelines requires
   following ADA standards on all marked and metered public parking areas. The standard
is one in every 25 parking spot needs to be assigned as handicap parking. In order to be Van accessible there must be an access aisle on both sides of the vehicle. Doug then showed examples of city blocks and their ADA parking spaces. He talked about St. Joseph to Kansas City, 6th Street to 7th St., Kansas City to Quincy Street, and Fifth Street to Sixth Street. Three of the four city blocks were technically in compliance. Doug said that whenever they do have construction contractors normally consult with engineering especially on curb cut location. Nick Stroot is in charge of city facilities while Doug is in charge of public right of ways.

Doug said that the engineering department, in response to ADA lawsuits they have seen in Sioux Falls, has a two-year lead on ADA projects. Steve indicated that he noticed an adequate or lack of signs on some of the van accessible parking spots. He was wondering if those could be corrected. Doug indicated that they sure could however they would have to inspect them. Sammi asked about accessible parking most importantly at the Star of the West baseball field. She said during the busy baseball season there doesn’t seem to be enough accessible parking. Doug indicated he would look into that. Sammi also asked who repaints the parking spaces and installs signs. Doug indicated that was the responsibility of public works however private property is the responsibility of the property owner.

5. Reports
   a. Liaison report – Pat
      Pat talked about a situation he was involved with at the public library. They were closed for two months and then reopened. When they reopened there was a mask mandate. There was one family in particular that felt that their child could not wear a mask because of his medical condition. They were only allowed to use the drive up services. Today the library board change their policy to allow for medical exceptions. Now the family will be able to attend the library like everyone else. Pat was appreciative of everyone’s cooperation to get this done.
   b. Treasurer report – Melanie
      No Report
   c. Subcommittee Reports
      i. Community Outreach – PSA
         The PSA committee had trouble working with the local television station to create the PSA regarding parking. As it turned out the committee found that there was another private citizen who said he was representing the mayor’s committee speaking to them about parking issues as well. During this period the committee was not able to get anything coordinated with the television station. That has now been resolved the parking committee feels that they can move forward with putting together this PSA.
      ii. Media Subcommittee
          No Report
      iii. Bylaws Subcommittee
          No Report

6. Old Business
   a. Parking Committee (January 12)
Steve attended the parking committee meeting on January 12. The Mayor was also there and spoke to an issue previously brought up with the parking committee. The parking committee had previously turned down a proposal to allow disabled veteran parking in any space downtown at no charge. The Mayor brought up this issue and pointed out that we were a military community and they should reconsider this proposal. He indicated that the veterans would have to have disabled veterans plates. The committee had further discussion and then passed a motion to allow disabled veteran parking downtown. Some mayor committee members felt that this could be an issue with other citizens with disabilities in the community. We talked about drawing up a letter to submit to the Mayor and then Pat mentioned that he would go ahead and bring it up in his weekly meetings with the Mayor. He will get back to the committee regarding this issue.

b. VisitRapidCity website, Julie Jensen
   Steve brought a copy of the visit Rapid City magazine, pointed out the fact that they indicate which businesses were accessible, and shared the magazine with the committee. The committee also discussed their website and how this could be good promotion for tourists with disabilities.

c. Handicapped parking brochure Leah
   Not Discussed

7. New Business
   a. Windmills disability awareness training program Feb 24, 2021
      Registration deadline January 25
      Catherine reminded everyone about the windmills disability awareness training program.

   b. Steve said he talked to the state about finding out how many handicap permits have been issued in the Rapid City area. They indicated that for $74 they would do that research. The committee felt that this would be important for looking at parking issues in Rapid City. Steve made a motion to use committee funds to have this research done. Catherine seconded that motion. Motion passed

   c. Leah Nixon and Methina Braveheart have resigned from the committee. After some discussion the committee decided that we would pursue looking at the previous list as there were still many candidates on there that would be good committee members. We could then make recommendation to the mayor for committee appointments. The Committee voted unanimously to reinstate Thore as a regular member which he accepted. He was currently serving in an advisory role. Pat made a motion to pursue this with the Mayor and Steve seconded. Motion passed.

   d. Steve indicated he would pursue what it would take to get a Zoom meeting connected to the meeting room on the third floor.

8. Adjourn
   Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Patrick seconded that motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:55PM.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, February 17, 2021