

ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
Special Meeting
April 17, 2009
Orpheum Theater Center
Noon

Disclaimer: The ADA Accessibility Review Board is a citizen board volunteering their time to give necessary feedback on projects of the City which may have an impact on Title II of The American's with Disabilities Act. The intent of the review is not to evaluate complete compliance with an accessibility standard, but to ensure overall programmatic accessibility. The Board is not presented all the information and is not given sufficient time for a thorough review. The Board's review is merely cursory and should only be considered a recommendation of the Board. The Board recommendation should not be considered a certification that the project meets ADA standards. The Board only reviews the project based on The American's with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and other U.S. Access Board guidance and does not address any local codes, such as any building codes or fire and safety codes. Any conflicts in local codes should be addressed by the appropriate parties.

Board members present: Ryan Green, Doug Hoy, Melissa Radigan and Dennis Theel.
Board member(s) absent: Sarah Aldinger, John Faundeen, and Joel Niemeyer
Staff present: Colwill and Garry
Guests present: Terry Torkelson, Wyatt Yager, Russ DeCurtins- SMG and Rick Bandy, City Engineering.

The Board met at the Orpheum Theater Center to review the accessible seating for the Orpheum Theater. A City project is being bid to replace the seating and the carpet, and paint the floors and walls.

The Board wanted to be sure the City would do what it could to provide a sufficient number of ADA accessible seating.

The center aisle has a slope of approximately 11.5% and because of the design this can't be retrofitted.

The group reviewed the front row seating to see if any additional accessible seating could be acquired with this project. If the front, center aisle seats were designated as the accessible seating, the person in a wheel chair could be a sight obstruction for several rows behind them. Therefore the side aisle seats will be designated as the accessible seating. The plan is to remove two seats from the front row and four seats from the second row to create two additional ADA accessible seats (w/companion seating) on each side of the theater off the side aisles. They are looking at making all of the two front rows (on both sides of the theater) removable. This will create some flexibility with the use of the theater as well as provide additional accessible seating.

With the additional seating the theater will have six ADA accessible seats; this is the most we can get with the original layout without a major renovation.

Green moved to recommend approval of the proposed plan to add additional ADA accessible seating to the Orpheum Theater; Theel seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Carol Garry,
Recording Secretary