

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
September 29, 2009
Human Relations Conference Room
10:15 A.M.**

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.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hoy called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

Board members present: John Faundeen, Doug Hoy, Page Hudson, Eric Kritzmire, and Dennis Theel.

Board member(s) absent: Sarah Aldinger and Matt Cain

Staff present: Colwill and Garry

Guests present: Ron Bell, City of Sioux Falls Building Services and Joel Niemeyer, PVA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Theel moved to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2009, meeting. Hudson seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hoy asked if we have heard anything about the placement of the sculptures on the Sculpture Walk. The Board had concerns in their review of Phillips Avenue on where some of them were located. The Board will ask to review the 2010 Sculpture Walk.

NEW BUSINESS

2009 International Building Code/SF Ordinance Chapter 11, Accessibility – Ron Bell, Chief Building Official for the City.

The building codes are updated every three years and Building Services is now in the process of moving from the 2006 codes to the 2009 codes. The updated information is sent out to architects, building contractors and the Home Builders Association.

Chapter 11 lays out the scoping requirements for accessibility within the International Building Code, IBC.

1103.2.3 – Employee work areas – modification. The maximum size of employee work areas that can be exempted from all accessibility requirements has been increased from 150 square feet to 300 square feet.

1103.2.13 – Accessibility for Live/Work Units – addition. This applies to spaces shared by a residence and work. The commercial space has to be accessible and the areas are required to be evaluated separately.

1106.5 – Accessible Van Parking Spaces Serving Group R-2 (apartments) and R-3 (single family) Occupancies – modification. When a required van accessible parking space is located in r-2 or r-3 occupancy, the minimum vertical clearance only has to be 7' (vs. 98") above the garage floor. Building standards for underground parking garages is 7'. The change takes into account what the standard is for underground garages.

1107.3 – Maneuvering Clearances at Group I-2 (hospitals/nursing homes) Sleeping Unit Doors – modification. The maneuvering space adjacent to passage doors is no longer required at the room side of doors to sleeping units in Group I-2 facilities. Since most of these rooms have doorways wide enough (44") to get a bed through, adequate clearance is provided.

1107.6.1.1 – Roll-in Showers – modification. Change was made to offer the same bathing options in accessible rooms as found in standard rooms. Not all accessible rooms have to have roll-in showers. Transfer showers or accessible bathtubs would still qualify the unit as accessible. Some people with mobility impairments prefer a tub for security when sitting and the therapeutic relief of a warm bath.

1108.4.1 – Courtroom Accessibility – modification. The general requirements for courtroom accessibility are being replaced with provisions that address specific judicial activities. For example – each courtroom is required to be accessible, a wheel chair space is required within the jury box, companion seating is not required adjacent to the jury box and assistive listening system is required. Work areas don't have to be accessible, but they do need to be adaptable.

1109.2.1 – Family or Assisted-use Toilet and Bathing Rooms – clarification. Title changed from "unisex" to "family" or "assisted use" in assembly and mercantile occupancies with more than six aggregate toilet rooms. The name change also covers those "unisex" bathing rooms in recreational facilities.

1109.2.3 – Accessible Lavatories with Enhanced Reach Ranges – addition. A toilet room or bathing facility with 6 or more lavatories, one with enhanced reach ranges (controls are on the side) is now required.

1109.12.1 – Accessible Operable Windows – clarification. In group r-2 (apartments, monasteries and convents, at least one operable window in each room must be accessible.

Proposed Local Ordinance to Chapter 11:

1104.4 - Multilevel buildings and facilities – modified. Under exceptions 1. An accessible route from an accessible level is not required in facilities that are less than three stories in height or have less than 3000 sq. feet per story. Changed from an aggregate area of not more than 3000 sq. feet and are located above and below the accessible level.

1106. 8 – Signage – Lays out required signage for accessible parking spaces, the fine and violation for the parking spaces and the access aisle.

1106.9 – Access aisles and markings – modification. Addresses the need to have a curb ramp access from access aisles to the adjacent sidewalk.

Section 65 – 1107.6.2 Group R-2 – Propose to leave in for Type A dwelling units.

Section 66 – 1107.6.2.1 – Apartment houses, monasteries and convents – repealed. This required type B (adaptable) units in apartments, monasteries and convents.

Section 67 – 1107.6.2.1.1 – Type A units (accessible units) – Propose to leave in for Type A dwelling units.

Section 68 – 1107.6.2.2 – Group R-2 other than apartment houses, monasteries and convents – Propose to leave in for Type A dwelling units.

Section 69 – 1107.6.2.2.1 – Accessible units – Propose to leave in for Type A dwelling units.

Proposed changes have been reviewed by the multi-housing group and the home builders association with mixed review. Most wonder why there is a need to change the code.

Faundeen moved to recommend approval of the amendments to Chapter 11; Theel seconded. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Accessible Parking at Metered Spaces – The City's Public Parking Facilities has a concern about people with accessible parking permits parking at regular metered spaces in the downtown area where they park all day without having to pay. They feel it is being abused. The department is looking at what other cities are doing. One city issues a permit that costs a certain amount of money and the permit allows the accessible parking permit holder to park at a meter for an unlimited amount of time. The Board will review this issue/policy at their October meeting.

Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Faundeen moved to adjourn; Kritzmire seconded and with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. Submitted by Carol Garry