

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
February 23, 2010
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: Matt Cain, John Faundeen, Doug Hoy, Page Hudson, Eric Kritzmire, and Denny Theel.
Board member(s) absent: Sarah Aldinger
Staff present: Colwill and Garry
Guests present: Jim Clark, Sculpture Walk and Russ Sorenson, City Planning

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hudson moved to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2010, meeting. Cain seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Orpheum Accessible Seating – post renovation - Staff provided before and after pictures of the Orpheum seating. There were also pictures of the middle of the renovation without any seats. The new seats include some designated as accessible where the arm swings open to allow for easy transfer. The two front rows are removable in sections or altogether to allow for more accessible seating if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Sculpture Walk 2010 – Jim Clark with the assistance of Russ Sorenson presented.

This is the seventh year that Sioux Falls has had Sculpture Walk. The Sculpture Walk committee works to stay within the ADA guidelines keeping the sculptures out of harm's way, keeping them above their pedestal.

Sculpture Walk starts at the Pavilion and goes down to Phillips Avenue north to Eighth Street, over to the East Bank on east Eighth Street, back to Phillips and south to 13th Street and back down on the west side of Phillips to 11th Street. The sculptures placed in the planters stay over the planters. Clark went on to explain the placement of each sculpture to include their location and their placement (base, pedestal or planter.) Due to construction on Eighth Street – Main to the river – no sculptures will be placed near the construction zone.

When choosing which sculptures to exhibit, the Sculpture Walk Committee considers if they have sharp edges/corners that could be sticking out into the path of travel as well as causing any dangers to the viewing public.

The brochure about Sculpture Walk offers the brochure in an alternative format – documents or an audio tape of the brochure. No requests have been received in the past in an alternate format.

The Board wanted to review Sculpture Walk this year because during the walk-thru of the renovated Phillips Avenue, some of the bases were infringing on the accessible route from curb openings; one by Dakota Bank (reviewed picture) and one by Rehfeldt's. Clark assured the Board that the placement of these bases will be reviewed and moved out of the accessible route.

Faundeen moved to recommend approval of the 2010 Sculpture Walk with consideration given to the placement of the two bases in question on Phillips Avenue to be certain they do not encroach on the accessible route. Hudson seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Other information – Colwill shared the latest development in the adoption of the International Building Code as it pertains to Type A dwellings. This was reviewed by the Board at their September 29, 2009 meeting. This refers to multifamily complexes with more than 20 units that 2% of the units are required to be the Type A dwellings. These design standards would include larger turn-around closets, lowered base cabinets, sinks and larger bathrooms. A couple of meetings with the multiple housing group has come up with a change in the requirements to just the larger bathrooms. The multiple housing group doesn't see the need for this change in the code and don't support the change. This will go before the City Council next Monday, March 1. Attend the meeting to show your support of the change in the code. Popular opinion is that the multiple housing group will ask for a delay – after enough delays, it's possible to kill off the action.

Also, tabled from a previous City Council meeting is the de-regulation of vehicle for hire for wheelchair transport rates. Actually the item was reset because the subcommittee wants more information. They will meet on March 8 @ 4pm at the Carnegie Town Hall – 10th & Dakota to get community input. Please attend to share your experience/opinions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Theel moved to adjourn; Kritzmire seconded and with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry