

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
May 25, 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 10:22 a.m.

Board members present: Doug Hoy, Matt Cain, Eric Kritzmire, Page Hudson and Denny Theel (10:30).

Board member(s) absent: Sarah Aldinger and John Faundeen

Staff present: Colwill and Garry

Guests present: Larry Fassett, City Engineering Dept.; Jon Brown and Andy Wagstrom
Stockwell Engineers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kritzmire moved to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2010, meeting; Theel seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business on the agenda/discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sanford Sports Complex – Jon Brown, Stockwell Engineers, presented.

The area is located by the Big Sioux River and Benson Road near I-29. This will replace the existing fields at Riverdale Park. Planned opening is fall 2012. Bids go out May 28, 2010.

The complex will include nine football/soccer fields – mainly used for football. Three more fields are planned in the future in the area north of the parking lot. The middle area of the complex will eventually house restrooms, picnic shelters and storage facility for football equipment.

The first phase of construction is currently underway – grading. In a joint effort of Sanford and the City, they are moving part of the hill to fill in low areas to create the complex.

Next phase will construct the parking lot, the fields w/ irrigation system, and the walking trails with access to and from the restrooms. The irrigation will be provided from the city's wells, it won't be 'treated' water.

The parking lot is located on the north and west sides of the fields. ADA accessible parking is spaced accordingly to provide equal access to all of the fields using the sidewalks. The area is relatively flat so there should be no issues with grade/slope for the sidewalks. Each field is accessible with an accessible viewing area. The walks are placed so at least one side of each field has sidewalk. In the future bleacher units will be installed adjacent to the sidewalks with pads for accessible seating.

The restroom facility is a combination restroom/concession/storage area. The restrooms are accessible; one facility will be built at this time and additional facility as an add/alternate. The restrooms don't include a family restroom. The drinking fountains are located only near the restrooms.

There is a proposed pedestrian bridge for access to the west side of the river levee system. It is an add/alternate, too, depending on the cost/budget.

Future development in the area will provide additional parking to the west. The current planned parking is considered adequate for the facility.

Kritzmire moved to recommend approval of the Sanford Sports Complex plans as presented. Hudson seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Future reviews: Main Library, Rhino exhibit at zoo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry