

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
November 30, 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

Vice Chairperson Aldinger called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.
Board members present: Sarah Aldinger, Matt Cain (10:25), John Faundeen, Page Hudson, Eric Kritzmire, and Dennis Theel
Board member(s) absent: Doug Hoy
Staff present: Colwill and Garry
Guests present: Jan Clary, Wes Phillips, and Jeff DesLauriers, City Engineering.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Theel moved to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2010, meeting. Hudson seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to discuss, though Colwill stated that contact with City Engineering about the egress sidewalks at the main library that don't connect to an accessible route has not provided the Board's desired response. All ADA standards have been met and no further action will likely take place. Theel commented that he has discussed the situation with the Mayor and the Mayor stated he would check into it.

NEW BUSINESS

Sidewalk Barrier Removal Update 2010 and 2011 Plans – Wes Phillips

First exhibit shows the number of curb ramps that have been installed in the past 8 years. On average 182 barriers are removed each year. Fluctuation over the years

represents the years when the project was tied to the City doing street overlays in the older sections of town versus the newer neighborhoods where less updating is needed. They are planning on removing 100 barriers in 2011.

Second exhibit, "Curb Ramps Installed by Year 2002-2010", shows the past locations where barriers were removed/ramps upgraded. This doesn't include the outlying areas where there aren't barriers due to fact the streets/sidewalks were installed with the appropriate cuts/ramps. Special requests for upgraded ramps are considered after due consideration for some isolated upgrades. The plan is to make the upgrades when doing the street rebuild/overlay projects. They don't want to put in upgrades one year and they have them torn out when they come back in to fix the street a year or two later.

In the newer areas where curb cuts exist, only necessary changes are made instead of upgrading the ramps to current design standards. The former ADA Coordinator felt since ramps already existed; it was a better use of taxpayer money to use the funds where there weren't ramps/curbcuts. If they have to do other upgrades – installing valley gutters, reconstructing the ramp- the existing ramp is upgraded.

The third exhibit is the "Curb Ramp Needs in 2010 & 2011 Project Areas". This shows what is planned for next year and indicates what barriers were removed in the 2010 projects. Some of next year's projects are sidewalk & ramps on West 57th Street, sidewalk on the Solberg Avenue overpass at I-229 and adding sidewalk to West Avenue from 6th Street to Russell. The black circles are the areas that still need to be addressed. When Engineering chooses the areas to do overlay, the need for barrier removal in an area will have priority when everything else is equal.

The information on barrier removal is included in the sidewalk transition plan which is on the website.

Public Comment

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Kritzmire moved to adjourn; Theel seconded and with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry