

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
March 31, 2011
Main Library 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 10:20 a.m.
Board members present: Sarah Aldinger, Matt Cain, Doug Hoy, and Eric Kritzmire.
Board member(s) absent: John Faundeen, Page Hudson, Dennis Theel
Staff present: Moran and Garry
Guests present: Rick Bandy, City Engineering.

Welcome Colleen Moran, new ADA Coordinator, HRC Manager, Assistant City Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Cain moved to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2010, meeting.
Aldinger seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Per ordinance, the board is required to elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary (third officer) at its first regular meeting of the year.

Slate of officers: Doug Hoy, Chair; Sarah Aldinger, Vice Chair; and Denny Theel, Third Officer.

Kritzmire moved to elect the slate of officers presented; Cain seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed possible replacements for Faundeen whose term ends in May and is not seeking reappointment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoo Entry and Snow Monkey Exhibit – Rick Bandy

Bandy is requesting input from the Board on the new zoo project. The project starts with a new entrance. Entrance into the zoo will be through a more welcoming entrance, not through the museum building. A members' entrance will provide members a private, direct entrance, separate from the general admittance entrance. The new entrance provides a 'WOW' factor for the zoo, as it is a wide open area flanked by huge animals with a view of the new planned plaza and the new snow monkey exhibit.

Bandy feels there may be slope issues at the entrance.

The board suggested that the concrete on the accessible route be a colored concrete to designate it as accessible route. The 5% slope in the entrance area should be okay; it meets maximum slope allowed.

There will be a drop off area in front of the entrance. They are considering using bollards to keep the cars from coming up past the edge of the drop off area. The Board suggested making sure the bollards are spaced wide enough to provide access between them by wheelchair users.

They are moving the existing accessible parking from the parking lot where they had to cross traffic to along the entrance sidewalk. Instead of using the standard and van accessible parking, the Board recommends using the universal accessible parking, as it is more flexible, and the access aisle doesn't have to be signed.

The Board has some concerns about ticketing. First issue is with the member's swipe mechanism; it needs to be mounted at the appropriate accessible height. Also, if the accessible parking is on the south side of the entrance and ticketing is on the north, patrons with disabilities would have to cross past the entrance, get their tickets, and then return to the entrance. Will there be closed gates at the entrance or turnstile? This has yet to be determined.

The snow monkey exhibit has two proposed viewing shelters. One is open – no walls, similar to a picnic shelter and is an alternate depending on the budget. The other one is enclosed with environmental controls for use year around. Currently door openers are not in the plans. Bandy is asking the Board's input on what kind of automatic doors should be considered and if both sets of doors should have openers. The Board feels both doors should have a push pad to open both doors. If patrons come in one door, the natural flow would take them out the opposite door instead of going back against the flow.

There is also a holding area for the monkeys - access for zoo personnel only, no public. The area includes bathrooms, showers (ADA accessible) for zoo keepers and holding areas for the monkeys. The showers are for the zoo keepers to protect them from any diseases that may be carried by this species of monkey. The Board asked to make sure that some of the hooks being used instead of lockers be mounted at the ADA required height. Also the door to holding room one doesn't look like it has enough floor space on the pull side – needs 18". There has to be 42" between the water closet and the sink. The sink in the work area should be checked to assure there is enough room for a side approach, if there isn't open area below the sink to allow for direct approach. (48 x 30 rectangle, centered on the sink that is 34" high)

Cain had to leave prior to the end of the meeting, quorum was lost. The Board can make their recommendation on this project after viewing any plans altered per their recommendations.

Public Comment

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry