

ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
April 26, 2011
Main Library Conference Room B, 8th & Dakota
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

Third Officer Theel called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

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

Board member(s) absent: Doug Hoy, Matt Cain, and Sarah Aldinger.

Staff present: Moran and Garry

Guests present: Rick Bandy, City Engineering; Tory Miedema, Parks & Rec; and Chad Kucker, Confluence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Faundeen moved to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2011, meeting. Kritzmire seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoo Entry and Snow Monkey Exhibit - this project was reviewed at the March 31, 2011, meeting. The Board made some suggestions. Bandy and Miedema are here to address these issues.

- 1) Use colored concrete on the accessible route to designate it as accessible.
Bandy learned that the City doesn't use colored concrete to designate the path of travel; though it has been used in the furniture zone and to designate a sloped area adjacent to the accessible route. A suggested alternative is the use of a tile with the universal symbol of accessibility on it placed in the concrete at intervals that would designate the accessible route. Another solution is to put signs in the landscaping designating the route. The tiles seem to be a more durable solution. They can also make the accessible route a different pour so there's a joint line

that could help designate the route – it would be similar to street lanes. The broom finish could also be a different direction for both areas.

- 2) Make sure the bollards are spaced far enough apart to allow wheelchair users to pass between them. The intent is to stop vehicles from pulling up past the drop off area. They will be sure to space them wide enough for ramp use and chairs to pass between and yet prevent encroachment by vehicles.
- 3) The Board recommends the use of the universal accessible parking space. Agreed it is a good idea, already modified the plans.
- 4) Members' swipe mechanism mounted at correct height. The Zoo has decided not to use a swiping mechanism at this time. There will be conduit installed if/when they decide to use it and the height requirements will be adhered to.
- 5) Will there be closed gates at the entrance or will turnstiles be used? Gates will be used with staff to man the gates. The gates will be open during regular business hours. Turnstiles are not desired. During slower times, the gates will be closed and the member's access will be used. A family would be able to pass through the gates.
- 6) What kind of automatic doors will be used on the viewing structure? The doors on both sides of the structure will have button activated automatic doors – inside and out. It's likely during the summer the doors will be latched open.
- 7) Details for the Snow Monkey holding building. ADA requirements will be followed for the mounting heights of the coat hooks. There is enough floor space on the pull side of the door to Holding Room #1. There is 42" between the water closet and the sink in the restroom. The sink in the work area will have space beneath for a direct approach, but there's enough space for a side approach, too.

Kritzmire moved to recommend approval of the project with the suggested modifications in place. Hudson seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherman Parks Ball Fields E-F-G – Tory Miedema/Chad Kucker

This is the fifth phase of improvements to this complex. This phase addresses the south tri-plex.

The lighting, irrigation, and shade structures for these three fields has already been done. The project will involve fencing, backstop fencing, replacing the dugouts, a new restroom/concessions building, and paving connecting all of the components. It will also include a small restroom at the park maintenance building (employee only). Also permanent ice rink walls will be installed where the existing walls are located. The concession/restroom building is the same used at the other fields. It's concrete block construction and will house concession, food preparation, storage, and restrooms. The restroom doors are propped open during the day so there is no need for openers.

The concession windows are at 34", the drinking fountains is high/low bowls and the base is covered.

There will be a playground structure added to this area – similar to those at Harmadon Fields with the rubber surfacing. It replaces an old existing play area.

The parking will remain the same. The parking lot was done on a previous project with accessible spaces places at each of the different areas of the complex.

The skating warming house and parking lot will not have any changes. The replacement dasher boards are a plastic composite boards mounted on cement curb with player gates and a wide double gate for equipment access and can be used for wheelchair access. An alternate bid will be for a concrete floor instead of the curb allowing use year around – (roller blade use.) New lights will be added under a separate lighting project.

Bidding will be early in the season, with the construction taking place after the softball season ends.

Kritzmire moved to recommend approval; Hudson seconded. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

The Board appreciates the Project Managers considering the suggestions of the board and their timely and thorough to their suggestions.

Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT

Kritzmire moved to adjourn; Faundeen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry