

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD  
MINUTES  
April 24, 2012  
Commission Room, City Hall  
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 Burkett called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Board members present: Roseann Burkett, Helen Hartmann, Page Hudson, and Eric Kritzmire.

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

Staff present: Colleen Moran, City ADA Coordinator and Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guests present: Tory Miedema, Parks & Rec and Jon Jacobson, Confluence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Kritzmire moved to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2012, meeting; Hudson seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Tentative plans are set to have an open house meeting on the events center to answer accessibility questions for June 21, 2012, after work hours.

Joel Niemeyer memorial – update. The Park Dept. was approached about how to go about getting a park named in honor of someone. There is a city ordinance that addresses this. It needs Park Board and City Council approval. It would be better to wait until it is closer to construction of the park. A show of community support is important for the Park Board to see.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Granite Valley Park– Tory Miedema and Jon Jacobson

The location of this project is East 69<sup>th</sup> Street North and North Gold Nugget Avenue – north of the interstate, off of north Cliff Avenue. The public meeting has already been held. Construction is expected to be completed this year by the first part of September.

This is designed as a traditional neighborhood park. It is about five acres in size and includes the standard neighborhood park programs/features. There are paved walkways, a shoot-a-round basketball area, a back stop for ball games, a playground, and a shelter.

A new five foot sidewalk will be constructed on the perimeter of the park on North Gold Nugget Avenue and East 69<sup>th</sup> Street North. A paved walk will head into the main features of the park (playground and shelter) at the intersection of East 68<sup>th</sup> Street; another path will arc around the feature areas, but will still have access all of them.

The play equipment will have a new material placed underneath; a poured- in- place surface. It is rubber granules (5-6” thick) poured into place and a polymer is used to stick the granules together but yet water can still seep through. It is a shock absorber for under the play equipment but it is also an accessible surface material. The poured- in - place surface is significantly more expensive than what is being used now, but upkeep and replacement costs justifies the initial expense. Nothing has been decided on what elements will make up the playground area.

The shelter is twenty by twenty, a standard park shelter. It will have safety lighting and power. An accessible drinking fountain will be located in this area; a standard, two-tiered bowl.

A shoot-a-round court is a super -half of a basketball court with four baskets placed on each side on a sport surface. Standard six foot metal benches with accessible seating next to them are located in this area. Similar benches are located by the play area. Park benches are stationary to keep them in the park.

There is an open green space on the northeast section with a chain link backstop. This will allow neighborhood teams a place to practice any field sports. Another walkway that spurs off the main walkway through the park and heads towards the backstop area is an alternate to the budget along with pathway lighting. If the budget falls short they may be able to have park operations add it later or if there is evidence that it is needed, it can be taken care of without having to add it to the CIP. They will try to get it installed when the park is under construction rather than later.

The site is relatively flat – no slope issues. It was graded to 2% or less grade by the contractor when the land was purchased and the area was being prepared for residential development.

**Kritzmire moved to recommend approval of the project; Hartmann seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kritzmire wanted to let the group know that the Sanford wheelchair exercise program is open at the Van Demark Center. The hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a therapist from 4-6 p.m. and staff is there three days per week. The cost is \$30 per month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hartmann moved to adjourn, Hudson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry