

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
October 29, 2013
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

Chairperson Hoy called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Board members present: Roseann Burkett, Helen Hartmann, Doug Hoy , Patti Monson, Troy Osterloo, and Eric Kritzmire

Board member(s) absent: Matt Pruner

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

Guests present: Kelby Mieras and Loren Beard – Sioux Falls Park and Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Osterloo moved to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2013, meeting; Hartmann seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Park and Recreation's Policy on Other Power Driven Mobility Devices – (OPDMD) – Kelby Mieras and Loren Beard

The Park and Rec's policy was reviewed and approved by the Park Board at their October 22, 2013, meeting. The new interpretation by the Dept. of Justice on other power driven mobility devices on recreation trails prompted the draft of this policy. It was patterned after the state of SD's policy. Prior to this there wasn't a policy addressing these devices; the recreation trails were for pedestrian's or "people- powered" devices, not those power driven.

There are three classes of recreation trails:

- 1) Paved trails (bike trail/Greenway)
- 2) Non-paved trails, but firm (Great Bear/Sertoma)
- 3) Single track/mowed trails (Leaders/Legacy/Arrowhead)

Only electric powered, no gas and no passengers. The speed is at pedestrian speed. The devices are now allowed on Class One and Two. Class Three trails are typically too narrow.

Requests can be accommodated for golf carts or similar vehicles. Need to contact Park Dept. for approval and to obtain a permit.

Segways are permitted because some people with disabilities can't sit on a mobility device.

The policy will go into effect on January 1, 2014. However, if an issue comes up before January 1st, the policy can be used to remedy the issue.

Board members who use powered wheelchairs did not think being limited to electric-powered devices versus gas-powered would be an issue. There are no fumes with electric motors and the fire danger is significantly less with electric motors.

The parks that have shelters or restrooms will have electrical outlets that can be used to recharge the batteries.

Kritzmire moved to recommend approval of the Park's OPDMD Policy. Burkett seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion of upcoming programs/issues that may interest the Board – Staff

Moran asked if the Board had any topic that they had an interest in hearing/learning more about to think about it and suggest as an agenda item. We have been invited to a walk-through of the event center, possibly in January 2014. Also if anyone feels they need more training on what the guidelines are or what to look for when reviewing plans.

Garry reported that the Disability Awareness Commission (DAC) is developing a program where volunteers monitor accessible parking for violations – Citizens on Parking Patrol – COPP. The COPP committee recently met with the Police Dept. and the City's Public Parking Manager. Both are interested in the program and will take an active role in developing and maintaining the program. The Police Dept. would train the volunteers. The volunteers will be able to write tickets and have the capability to take pictures of the violations.

Moran mentioned the app where you can rate a local business on accessibility. You rate them if they have an accessible route into the business and if the restrooms are accessible.

Hartmann asked about the Sanford Sports Center – there are no automatic doors. Osterloo offered a tour of the Sanford Pentagon. Moran said as a board, we can go to review private buildings like the Pentagon.

Garry also mentioned the park on 60th Street North along the river where they are making accessible fishing areas. After the Board reviewed the project a year or two ago, Kritzmire suggested the park be named for Joel Niemeyer, who had been an advocate for people with disabilities and an avid sportsman. We should start looking at gathering community support to take to the Park Board. Kritzmire will begin making some initial contacts.

Another possible project for the Board to consider is signage for closing sidewalks for road construction or other construction projects that affect sidewalk accessibility. Next spring; be aware of places where pictures can be taken of what not to do or of correct signing so we can put together a brochure for contractors to use so they will know how to keep sidewalks accessible during their projects. Contacting signing companies could be a starting point. We could also give a handout when issuing sidewalk construction permits. Hoy suggested presenting at the City's annual construction meeting or the SF Contractors Agency or the Contractors Association of SD.

Also, maybe the Board would be interested in learning about the changes to paratransit service.

Kritzmire asked about wheelchair accessible cabs. He's heard that the companies are not required to have any unless they buy a new vehicle – it is required to be accessible. Wheelchair Express is expensive and Paratransit doesn't run past 10 p.m. Moran will check on the requirements for accessible cabs. We will invite representatives from Sioux Area Metro and the Transit Planner to the next meeting to learn about paratransit service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Diversity Conference is November 13, 2013. Let Moran know if you are interested in attending. Keynote speaker is Brendan Johnson.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Hartmann moved to adjourn, seconded by Osterloo; the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry