

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
February 26, 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, Sarah Aldinger, and Eric Kritzmire.

Board member(s) absent: Matt Cain and Page Hudson

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

Guests present: Jon Jacobson and Andrea Langel, Confluence – Landscape Architecture and Urban Design and Tory Miedema, Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kritzmire moved to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2013, meeting; Aldinger seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Regarding the 6th Street conceptual design project, specifically the curb cuts using the radial detection panel, Hartmann discussed the issue with others and found this would not be an ideal set up as it would be difficult for people with vision impairments to determine direction of travel to cross the street safely.

Hoy will consult with the project engineer (Knutson) to find out the reason for the use of this type of detector panel. Hartmann will contact the Rehab for the Visually Impaired for their input.

Moran asked if we should meet with the project engineer and the rehab people to discuss the best solution. Hartmann will check with the mobility specialists on their availability.

NEW BUSINESS

Galway Park – Jon Jacobson, Confluence

This is another neighborhood park in the southwest part of town – 64th & Galway. There is a large detention pond at this location. The park is about five acres in size. West 64th Street is on the south side and has pedestrian sidewalk that runs the entire length of 64th Street. The south and west sides are bordered by existing houses.

The park will have standard features which include a 20'x14' shelter, playground, shoot-around basketball court, and limited walkway. Also included is a multi-use field on the west side with a chain link backstop.

The walkway will be six-foot wide concrete that skirts the park. All the features are connected by a paved walkway.

Benches located in the park will have wheelchair spaces adjacent. The playground structure will meet ADA requirements. The surface will be the poured in place surface – rubberized surface- that is fully accessible. This has become the standard surface used by the Park Dept. because it has been so successful.

ADA accessible parking will be added on the street with a curb cut and pad that will connect to the accessible sidewalk and path into the park nearest the shelter.

A standard two -bowl accessible drinking fountain will be included.

The park is not flat, but the paths will meet slope/grade requirements.

An alternate to the project is additional walkway if the budget allows.

Aldinger moved to recommend approval of the Galway Park project; Kritzmire seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Phillips Avenue Plaza– Jon Jacobson, Confluence

This plaza is located between the Phillips Avenue Diner and the former CNA building where the quartzite water feature is located. The misconception is that this is a private space, but is actually a public plaza space. The Park Dept. has money in their budget to renovate the downtown area parks and after a review it was decided this project would make the best use of the available budget.

The plaza has had piecemeal updates as construction has taken place in the area. This project will update the area. No major renovations, just a general update and needed maintenance. To start the pavement around the water feature will be removed because of the uneven surface. The replacement will be colored concrete, but smooth. There are some in- ground lights that are inoperable that will be removed. All of the existing benches will be removed and replaced with six-foot steel bench with back and arm rests. There will be a marked standard accessible space adjacent to each bench. The lighting will be replaced. The existing steps leading to the parking area will be replaced – new handrail and steps.

New signage that coordinates with the existing downtown signage will indicate that the space is a public space. The retaining walls on the south side will be replaced. New tables will be added that match existing tables. At least one of the new tables will have three seats allowing for an accessible space. Kritzmire suggested stamping an accessible symbol to the open space to designate that table as accessible. Six benches will be added. Slopes/grades are not an issue for the area.

Kritzmire moved to recommend approval of the Phillips Avenue Plaza project with the recommendation to stamp the universal disability symbol at the accessible space for the accessible table. Hartmann seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Prairie Meadows Park – Tory Miedema

The Board reviewed this park plan on January 26, 2010. The park is located on 82nd Street between Minnesota and Western Avenues. The entire park was not developed back in 2010 due to budget issues. The project is due to be completed this year. The original plans that the Board recommended for approval have only a few changes; nothing affecting accessibility. The perimeter sidewalk and playground was installed when the school was built. The entire site was graded at one/two percent. It is a typical neighborhood park, just a little larger since it is adjacent to a school.

Miedema didn't know if the Board wanted to review the plans again since some of the members were not on the Board at the time it was first presented.

Staff will send out the information from the January 2010 meeting and then decide if they need to review again. Miedema will send a copy of the master plan to review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Moran has a draft of the letter to send to Thune's office regarding the vote to ratify the UN Convention regarding rights of persons with disabilities. Hoy will stop in when he has time to review with staff. Hartmann reported that the American Council of the Blind recommended voting for ratification.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry