

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
July 30, 2013
Downtown 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 10:21 a.m.

Board members present: Roseann Burkett, Helen Hartmann, Doug Hoy (leave – 10:45), Patti Monson, Troy Osterloo, Matt Pruner, and Eric Kritzmire (arrive -10:24).

Board member(s) absent:

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

Guests present: Daniel Bagherpour, HRC Intern; Tory Miedema, Parks and Rec; and Mike Patten, Landscape Architect with Stockwell Engineers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hartmann moved to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2013, meeting; Burkett seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Lyon Park – Tory Miedema and Mike Patten

Lyon Park is located at 14th Street and Phillips Avenue. The City has been working with the neighbors for the past twelve to eighteen months on design plans – what type of improvements they would like to see. The City recently had a meeting with the neighborhood and had some very favorable feedback.

The initial ADA comprehensive transition audit in 2002 determined that programs/services located here would need to be available at another park due to the grade issues. For the re-design, making it accessible was a challenge.

The existing park has a lot of features that are scattered throughout the park – picnic shelter, play area, historical markers, and art. The terrain is varied and there are a lot of mature trees and a goal of the design plan was to keep as many trees as possible. All of the features will now be placed in one area to make it easier to establish accessibility. The existing play area will remain and be the point from which the other features will extend. This is also the highest point of the park and the area will be flattened out at this level. The sidewalk up to this area will be at a 5% grade, but will be level once it reaches the top and will be flat throughout the newly improved area/features.

The cannon that's displayed in the park will stay and will be incorporated along the pathway. There will be a historical tribute to the Lyon family as pedestrian plaza area on the southern end of the park. The grade from the street sidewalk is very steep so the accessible path will come from the main area of the park not from the street sidewalk. There will be two accessible on-street parking added with signage and drop-curb for access from the street.

Along 14th Street the slope will be cut back to open up the park, making it more inviting. Improvements include entrance features, signage and gardens.

Lighting along the main pathway will be upgraded to the historic lamps that are throughout the downtown area.

The existing drinking fountain will be upgraded to the standard park drinking fountain and be located on the flat tier with the other features.

The surface under the play area will likely be wood Fibar. The play equipment isn't due to be replaced for a few more years so they won't be using the rubber mats at this time.

Truncated domes will be at the street intersections but not used within the park to designate the different pathways so visually impaired won't think they're at an intersection. Not sure what, if anything could be used to help direct those with vision limitations. Scoring the cement was suggested, but no one has seen this used in park pathways before.

There will be four – five picnic tables in the shelter and the required number will be accessible ones.

No restroom facilities will be installed. Neighborhood parks don't typically have restrooms and this neighborhood didn't want them.

The east side along the alley will be cleaned up and curb will be installed along the park to keep the eastside neighbors from running into the fence. The alley will be widened a

bit to give them more room to back out of their parking areas. The lighting will also be increased along this area.

(Note: Chairperson Hoy left the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and Vice Chairperson Burkett took charge of the meeting)

Kritzmire moved to recommend approval of the Lyon Park Master Plan. Hartmann seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry