

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD  
MINUTES  
January 28, 2014  
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: Carol Garry, Human Relations Technician

Guests present: Dena Knutson, City Engineering Dept.; Jeff Boldt, Sayre Associates; and Terry Paulsen, NCCPVA Government Relations Director.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Hartmann moved to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2013, meeting; Kritzmire seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Hoy had contacted R & R Conversion to find out what it would cost to convert a minivan into an accessible taxi. It is a little more expensive than we had figured - \$17 - \$18,000 due to the fact that the floor would have to be lowered.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Second Avenue Reconstruction Project** – Jeff Boldt, Sayre Associates.

2014 Project will be between just north of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and through the 11<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. It will be done in two phases due to funding.

Everything will be torn up and most of the utilities will be replaced, all new curb and gutter, street pavement, lights and signals. The surface is in very poor shape and the pedestrian/vehicle interaction needs improvement, most notably at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.

Traffic will be maintained east/west through the intersections with lane closures as needed. North/south traffic on Second Avenue will be closed to allow for a quick completion of the project.

There will be a change to the right turn lane from 10<sup>th</sup> Street onto River Road to create a better line of sight for pedestrians and for drivers turning right off of 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Improvements made to the crosswalks and created a full, definite 'island' where before it was just a bump in the road. This will allow pedestrians another stopping point if needed when crossing.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Street intersection will most likely be built the same as the existing. There is not sufficient space with the bridge, existing buildings, etc. to make any noticeable improvements. The southeast corner by the post office (11<sup>th</sup> & Second) will have some modifications to allow for a more acceptable grade and make a better transition and crossing.

Doug Hoy worked on the vehicle and pedestrian detours. There will be signs on the east side of the 10th bridge letting pedestrians know that the sidewalk is closed. There is no way through the intersection on the west side of the bridge on 10<sup>th</sup>. They have access to Reid Street, but not River Road or the other side of Second Avenue on 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Sidewalk access will be directed to the south side of the 11<sup>th</sup> Street viaduct where they can be re-routed. They plan on getting the sidewalk relocated on the northeast corner of River Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Street as soon as possible so that portion of the sidewalk can be reopened to pedestrians. It will be pushed back far enough so that it should not be in the way of the reconstruction of the actual intersection. This would allow access across the 10<sup>th</sup> Street bridge and north onto River Road and into the downtown area.

The 2015 part of the project will close the sidewalk in the 11<sup>th</sup> Street intersection and will redirect to 12<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Fawick Park will still be accessible through both phases of construction.

**Kritzmire moved to recommend approval of the proposed project. Osterloo seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.**

#### Election of Officers

**Hartmann moved to nominate Hoy for Chairperson. Burkett seconded.**

**Hartmann amended her motion by moving that the officers remain the same for 2014 – Hoy/Chairperson, Burkett/V. Chair and Kritzmire/Third Officer. Osterloo seconded. Amended motion passed unanimously.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Paulsen wanted to introduce himself as the Government Relations Director at North Central Chapter of the PVA.

Kritzmire asked the Board to think about the five top pressing issues the City needs to address for people with disabilities and give him their input so he could share with the Mayor. So far the Mayor's group has identified transit, housing and employment. The Mayor would like to see more people with disabilities employed with the City so the City could be a disability-friendly business.

Hoy feels strongly that the City would want to help fund making taxis wheelchair accessible.

The Board also discussed the plow banks at curb cuts.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Having no further business, Osterloo moved to adjourn, seconded by Monson; the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry