

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
October 28, 2014
Commission Room, 1st Floor 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 10:18 a.m.

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

Board member(s) absent: none

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager/ADA Coordinator, Carol Garry, Human Relations Technician

Guests present: Jon Jacobsen and Jessica Vanhove, Confluence and Terry Paulsen, NCCPVA Government Relations Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kritzmire moved to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2014, meeting; Burkett seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Southern Vistas Master Plan– Jon Jacobson, Confluence

This park is located in southwest Sioux Falls near the Tea/Ellis Road. It is a seven-acre park adjacent to Pettigrew Elementary School located at 53rd Street and Klein Avenue. The area is fairly flat and the perimeter walkway is existing. There is sloping near the street to allow for storm drainage away from the school. The plan is to start construction in 2015 to be completed by the start of the school year in the fall of 2015.

The perimeter sidewalk goes along 53rd St. and along Klein Ave. A main east-west walk will be added that will tie into the existing school parking (where the ADA parking spaces are located). There's a fence that runs along walk by the school entry road to which an entry gate will be added to allow access to the park. The new path will lead to the new park shelter (typical 20 x 40 park shelter with lights and power outlet) and the playground equipment (put in when the school was built – fully accessible). There will be a backstop in the green space, a bike rack, and drinking fountain. There will be benches throughout with an ADA accessible tile designating the accessible seating area. The pathways will be 5'-8' wide. The walks will intertwine and will have places for interpretive piers for information about the history of Pettigrew and the importance he was to the community in its early days. This information has been developed with the school district and the school's PTA.

As it is a typical neighborhood park, there is no additional off-street parking, no specialty lighting, and no restrooms.

Hartman moved to recommend approval of the Southern Vistas master plan; Osterloo seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Upper Terrace Park Master Plan (does not include the Japanese Gardens or the pool complex) - Jon Jacobson, Confluence

Terrace Park is almost 100 years old and was once the location of the Phillips House (located where the playground is now). This master plan is larger with a larger budget than Southern Vistas, but not in the current City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). It is expected to be included in the CIP in a series of phases.

There has been a series of public input sessions with the neighbors very actively involved in the process.

There is no public walkway along the park side of 4th Street or Grange Avenue. And there is no walkway going north/south through the park. ADA parking was added by the band shell and the stairway at that end was rebuilt earlier. This project will try to solve some larger issues – aesthetics and accessibility.

From the top of the park down to the band shell is a 40' difference in grade. This makes accessibility a challenge. A new walk will travel along one of the mid-level terraces starting at 4th Street going north past the 'Lion's Den' and on to Grange Avenue. This accessible walkway will lead to a lot of the elements in the park. The walkway at 4th Street will be 14' wide with a 'toe-curb' to use for accessible viewing of the band shell. There will be a 20'x40' shelter in the middle section. The stairway in this area that leads to the band shell made from quartzite cobblestones will be replaced along with the one that leads from the Lion's Den into the Japanese Gardens. The completely reconstructed steps will have concrete walk with the risers and treads made from cut

quartzite stone to tie into the historic aesthetics of the park but will meet the current standards – uniform surface with handrails on both sides. This will also provide contrast between the concrete and the stone. Another walkway will come from the existing rebuilt steps and connect to go on to the band shell. The remaining steps will remain unchanged to keep with the historic aesthetics. There will be a diagonal walkway coming from 4th Street on the southeast corner of the park to the new picnic shelter and another coming from the 3rd Street side that will be concrete walkways with a quartzite cobble on the edges tying back to the historic aesthetic.

New entrances to the park will be added along Grange Avenue, 3rd and 4th Streets. New walkways will be added on 2nd Street near the south pool parking lot, and a new entrance into the Japanese Gardens. There is a lot of grade change from 2nd Street and this walkway will add steps to minimize the steepness. There's an existing accessible entrance to the Japanese Gardens further north on Grange Avenue.

A walkway along Grange Avenue will be a challenge due to the drop off into the park along the street. One possible solution is to narrow Grange Avenue to the narrowest allowed for a street and use that extra space to install a walkway. In any case, a new walkway will be added along Grange Avenue.

The Lion's Den is an existing structure from the Phillips home. The name is from when they were wintering the big cats from the zoo in the building. The façade will be updated and it will be made into another picnic area. The existing accessible parking on 3rd will be expanded and a couple more added to allow for easier access to the Lion's Den area.

The basketball and playground surface will be upgraded in the future – 2018 is when the replacement/upgrades are scheduled in the Park Dept.'s playground replacement/upgrade plan.

Currently there are existing flower beds that will be relocated to the picnic area – this will make them more accessible to anyone wanting to view them and will create more of a focal point.

Historical lighting will be added through the park along the main walkways. The existing restroom does not need any improvements as this was upgraded earlier.

Improvements to the band shell will be minimal.

These changes/upgrades don't remove every barrier, but make the park much more accessible than it was.

Since this project is not currently in the CIP, it's not certain when the work will be done. There may be a small project around the shelter that will be done for the 100th anniversary and then the rest will be done in a couple of phases – focused on one area and move through the park.

Kritzmire moved to approve the Upper Terrace Park Master Plan; Osterloo seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Paulsen brought up an issue with the sidewalk to the driver's license office. He also had attended the PTAB meeting and wanted to let the Board know that the 3/4 mile radius rule for paratransit eligibility was approved at their meeting and will now go to the City Council for approval. Existing riders will be grandfathered in.

Hartman asked how their gas pump program was coming along. Paulsen said they are waiting to see who gets elected so they know who to approach in the legislature to get the wheels moving. (Program to have a phone number to signal that an individual needs help pumping gas.)

Hoy asked regarding the regulations on where pedestrian push buttons need to be installed. He wanted to know what is preferred - having the traffic signal pedestal and push button located closer to and maybe in the landing area or having the button off to the side of the landing area with concrete path so it's accessible? Most agreed that as long as there's concrete up to the button, the distance isn't significant because you usually have time to get to the landing/curb cut by the time the signal allows you to cross the street.

Paulsen asked if we can run the PSA for removing snow from the sidewalks. We can ask Ch. 16/CityLink to get it out there and possibly get it on cable. Concerns were also expressed regarding cleaning out the bus stops and downtown accessible parking areas.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business Osterloo moved to adjourn, Hartman seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry