

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
February 25, 2014
Meeting Room #14, SF Convention Center
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

Vice -Chairperson Burkett called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.
Board members present: Roseann Burkett, Helen Hartmann, Patti Monson, Troy Osterloo, Matt Pruner, and Eric Kritzmire
Board member(s) absent: Doug Hoy
Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Technician
Guests present: Shannon VerHey, City Of Sioux Falls Engineering; Gaard Rops, Stockwell Engineers; Keith Thompson, Koch Hazard; Denny Theel, former ADA ARB member; Duane Hartmann, accompanied board member Helen; and Terry Paulsen, NCCPVA Government Relations Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kritzmire moved to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2014, meeting; Osterloo seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Event Center Parking– Shannon VerHey, City Engineering.

There have been a lot of modifications to the site (driveways/parking areas) since the event center plans were first reviewed. Due to those modifications, the project team

determined it would be appropriate to re-evaluate the accessible parking on the complex.

There are six facilities in the overall area in which to balance the accessible parking. The previous plan had seventy-six accessible parking stalls included in the 3,700 total parking spaces. In lieu of determining the ADA stall count on the 3700 spaces as one lot, the complex was divided into 5 lots including:

The south lot - the area directly in front of the Convention Center. There are 1500 spaces in this lot; 33 will be ADA spaces. The entire first row in front to the Convention Centers main doors will be accessible. All but two of the existing spaces in front of the west entrance to the stadium will be moved closer to the main stadium entrance of the stadium. This also gets them closer to the main complex and quicker access to the sidewalks.

The VIP south lot – along the south side of the event center. There are 117 parking spaces; 5 are accessible. All spaces are restricted to suite holders.

The VIP north lot – along the north side of the event center. There are 53 parking spaces; 3 are ADA. These, too, are reserved for suite holders.

The north lot – Howard Wood Field west and east lots were combined as one lot. There are 1201 spaces; 24 are accessible. Most of the accessible spaces are at the south end of the lot which is closer to the entrance of the various facilities served by this lot. This provides quicker access to the sidewalks and the crosswalks. They are closer to the northern event center doors. This lot includes the area directly north of the Arena where twelve of the accessible spaces are located.

The Hotel lot – two areas combined –one on the northeast side of the hotel and one on the east/southeast side. There are 335 spaces; 13 are ADA.

Any public door into the complex gives the public inside access to any venue. 76 ADA accessible spaces are required; 90 are being provided. These include the McCart Field lot and the school district lot.

Kritzmire commented that this plan is better than what is in place now. When VerHey asked if they are finding that the accessible spaces are being used, the Board members who use them said they are. Kritzmire added that he tried to park in the ones on the west side of the stadium, but snow had been piled in them. Kritzmire drives a van, so needs a space with an access aisle that he can drop his ramp into. Parking lot snow removal folks probably think no one would be using these spaces because they are so far from the door, but when all the accessible spaces are full, any space that has an access aisle, even far from the door, is better than no accessible space at all.

Kritzmire moved to recommend approval of the revised parking plan. Hartmann seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

Tour of the event center – still under construction.

The tour started by passing through a connecting hallway from the existing convention center. On the first level the Board saw the main entrance with the ticket counter and saw where the escalators and stairways will lead to the next level. The Board looked into the maintenance rooms – for example the room where the ice for the hockey floor begins its process, the heating room and the A/C room.

On the next level one to the restrooms was reviewed. There was some concern about the turning radius in front of the accessible stall. There's a diaper changing table located on the wall in front of the stall that encroaches on the required five foot radius. To be able to get into the accessible stall, Theel had to back in, which was not an easy task. The door swings out, making it difficult to pull the door shut and maneuver the chair back into the stall. A better design would be to have the five foot radius inside the stall, but at the very least the door should swing in and the changing table should be relocated. It was a good thing that the front of the stalls doesn't have a post or a brace which allows the foot pads of the wheelchair to pass under the partitions; making it easier to turn. VerHey was going to request the architects verify this area met code.

Post- meeting comments from board members and VerHey include:

"The stalls will work, but they should have made them a little bigger. The curved entry should have been a little wider because of the curve."
Denny

"It appeared that the ADA stall complied with ANSI requirements for required clearances, however, it was apparent that with an electric wheelchair, an end stall with a 5' turning radius within it would be more desirable and offer better maneuvering for the user. In an Assembly space such as this, there is also a requirement for what they call a Family/Assisted use toilet room, which is basically a single user toilet room that would have a 5' turning radius within it. In a facility of this size, I'm not sure how many of these types of toilet rooms would be available, but it would be an available option that would allow for better maneuvering.
Hope this is helpful."
Patti

"Per the attached email, it appears that area met code. We don't intend to move the changing table or make any other modifications to the restroom."
Shannon VerHey

Attached email -
"Shannon, I checked on this and per plan the clearance from stall door to the face of the closed changing station is 4'-8". Only 3'-6" is required per ADA, to the wall, so we're substantially exceeding the clearance requirement. This does appear to be the tightest restroom, typical clearance is 5'-0" or greater."

Keith W Thompson

The tour also included a visit to the suite level and the upper tier. VerHey was asked if the accessible seating areas have plug-ins to allow wheelchairs to be recharged if necessary. He checked into that and there will be outlets in the accessible seating areas.

When asked if it were possible to have the Board tour as a group, VerHey agreed that the Board would be able to review the completed project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry