

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
March 25, 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 10:15 a.m.

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

Board member(s) absent: Helen Hartmann and Patti Monson

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager/ADA Coordinator, Carol Garry, Human Relations Technician, and Anna Ochs, HRC Intern.

Guests present: Tori Miedema, City of Sioux Falls Park and Recreation; Lyle Pudwill and Andrea Langel, Confluence and Terry Paulsen, NCCPVA Government Relations Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kritzmire moved to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2014, meeting; Osterloo seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

After reviewing the plans and requirements for toilet rooms at the events center, Shannon VerHey -Project Manager, informed staff that the events center's toilet rooms are within the standards. There were some accessibility concerns that came up on our tour during last month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Dunham Park Master Plan – Tori Miedema and Lyle Pudwill

Dunham Park is located west of Marion Road at approximately 18th Street along Skunk Creek. The park is used primarily for baseball and softball games. Sioux Empire Fastpitch Softball Association (SEFSA) and Sioux Empire Baseball Association (SEBA) use this park for games. The Park department is reviewing the master plan at this time because of the shift of regular and tournament play to the Harmodon fields and to make adjustments identified from a recent park site evaluation. (Park site evaluations are done every couple of years to identify operational or ADA issues, etc.) The park was included in the initial 2001 ADA transition plan and updates were made that were identified at that time.

Issues identified include: better ADA access to all of the fields and general access to the fields from the parking areas; home –run-derby games causes home runs to be hit into the neighboring apartment complexes; and bike trail access. Miedema is looking for feedback on the plan. There are no projects being developed as a part of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at this time, but Miedema would like to get some plans in place to get an idea on the costs.

Currently there are a total of 564 parking spaces - 29 accessible, for the park. These meet the requirements, but would like to get a little better access to each field. The fields furthest west don't have any parking close by.

The east end (first ten fields) will gain better access field to field and from the parking areas, the ADA viewing areas will be defined and given better access, and there will be a redistribution of the ADA spaces in the parking lots. The areas in between the fields will all be paved. This helps with operational issues as well as gaining more accessible space in that area. Hoy asked about the accessible/companion seating at the bleachers. Miedema stated that is the intention to include these and will have a tile designating accessible seating space.

Another goal is to standardize the size of the fields – there are four different sizes now. This will allow SEBA to be able to use the west side and all the age groups for SEFSA to use all of the fields.

The west fields are small with no outfield fences or dugouts. These will be added. They will be removing a field and adding a restroom for use at this end of the park. Currently there is a restroom where the bike trail enters the park. That will remain until the new one is added closer to the fields.

The parking lot on the westside will be expanded for more parking in that area of the park. This will increase the total number of spaces to 553 and add two additional ADA accessible spaces. There is a turn- a- round area at the west end of this lot and can also be used for dropping off.

Hoy asked if any shelters will be added. There is currently one existing shelter serving the play area. An additional one will be added where the bike trail comes into the park (trailhead). He also asked if there will be an electrical outlet so wheelchairs can be

recharged. Power will be at where the restrooms are as they will be needed for park operations. They are also used for presentations i.e. portable speaker systems for announcements etc. (Kritzmire noted that you can't just plug into an outlet, an adapter box is needed.)

No timeline has been set for these improvements. Miedema would like to get it into the five year plan in 2015; the soonest would be three to five years from now.

Kritzmire moved to recommend approval of the Dunham Park master plan. Burkett seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kritzmire gave props to the Park department for the adaptive ski event at Great Bear.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry