

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
August 25, 2015
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 Kritzmire called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

Board members present: Helen Hartmann, Paul Korn, Eric Kritzmire, Patti Monson, Troy Osterloo, Matt Pruner

Board member(s) absent: Roseann Burkett

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager/ADA Coordinator; Tina Lemieux, Human Relations Technician

Guests present: Maggie Ibis, Wagaye Mesel, Zinda Scere, Aditi Patel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Osterloo moved to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2015, meeting; Hartmann seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Denny Sanford PREMIER Center step markings: In May 2015, Hartmann and Moran met with City Engineer, Shannon VerHey, and recommended ideas to make the Center steps more noticeable to individuals who have vision impairments. The marking of PREMIER Center steps was completed earlier this summer. The Board was provided with a picture of the completed project.
- b. Main Avenue Road Diet: There were initial questions in March 2015 regarding the placement of accessible parking spots. The Board suggested places where accessible parking would be best, including the addition of a mid-block accessible parking spot. In addition, a curb ramp was suggested. The Board reviewed the new submittal which included the addition of the curb ramp as well as accessible parking. Kritzmire suggested adding a parallel parking spot across

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the street for individuals who use both a van and a wheelchair. In addition, Kritzmire suggested the addition of straight wheelchair spots on the west side of the road which will allow individuals to use the crosswalk.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Denny Sanford PREMIER Center: Kritzmire discussed concerns with sections being blocked off for concerts without prior notice to patrons. Kritzmire stated alternative seating was offered but it was not conducive to a group of individuals as some had to sit behind the group instead of with the group.
- a. Charter for Compassion: Mesel and Ibis presented on the Charter for Compassion. The Charter for Compassion is a project which started after author, Karen Armstrong, won a TED cash prize. The goal of the movement is to motivate communities to be more compassionate. One benefit of the Charter is that it is customizable to each city. It also gives one city the opportunity to interact with other communities across the country and the world. Ibis and Mesel discussed the next steps of the project including: registering the City of Sioux Falls, signing a proclamation, holding a press conference, and forming a subcommittee. Ibis and Mesel also discussed the importance of measureable objectives as a means of ensuring this project is sustainable.
 - i. Mesel and Ibis received positive feedback from the committee. The Board recommends this project to the Mayor and fully supports the Charter for Compassion.
- b. Humanitarian Awards: The Awards will take place on Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Orpheum Theater. Nominations are currently being accepted through Friday, September 4, 2015.
- c. 25th Anniversary of the ADA: Moran discussed the importance of the Americans with Disabilities Act and how the ADA directly affects what the Board does. In addition, the ADA Celebration was discussed. The event was attended by approximately 200 individuals. Hartmann discussed her involvement in “Capitol Crawl”, a rally and march demanding the passage of the American with Disabilities Act. She joined over 1,000 others from 30 states at the United States Capitol to rally for the passage of the ADA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present. However, Kritzmire reported he is pleased with the City Council's decision to maintain current Paratransit rates.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business Osterloo moved to adjourn; Hartmann seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Lemieux.