

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
March 31, 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 Hoy called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

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

Board member(s) absent: Patty Monson

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager/ADA Coordinator; Vandhana Baireddy, Human Rights Community Coordinator; Carol Garry, Human Relations Technician

Guests present: Terry Paulsen, NCCPVA Government Relations Director; Deanna Knutson, City Engineering; Mike Patten, Parks & Rec; and Lyle Pudwill, Confluence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Osterloo moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2015, meeting; Hartmann seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Prairie Hills West Park Masterplan – Lyle Pudwill, Confluence; Mike Patten, Parks & Rec

This is a neighborhood park located southeast of 69th Street and Louise Avenue. The neighborhood to the north and west is still being developed. It is a one block section

bordered by Hemingstone Trail on the north, Callington Circle on the east, and Meredith Avenue on the south. This area was selected to provide a neighborhood park, as Parks & Rec prefer a green space/park within the ½ mile service area of housing developments. The development of the park will include the typical neighborhood park amenities – perimeter sidewalk, curb ramps at the corners, a walking trail through it, a small playground area, picnic shelter, and accessible drinking fountains. Also included are the park benches with the ADA accessible space adjacent (on the hard surface) and the universal accessibility symbol. The play area will have universal accessible design features. The surfacing will be dependent on budget, with the primary choice the rubberized (playbound) surfacing. They added an accessible parking space on the north side on Hemingstone Trail. There is parallel parking to which they've added a curb ramp and a hard surface from the curb to the sidewalk.

The area to the west is an Avera development that will have some park-like features that may include walking trails. In the event that happens, the plan is to connect the walking trails from Prairie Hills West to these proposed trails.

The rubberized surfacing (playbound) is solid and is not the same as the materials used in sports fields; no concern of particles or dust being inhaled by the children.

The park site is flat so there will be no grade/slope issues. There are some grade/slope issues on the Avera site and should the trail system go in, plans are in place to minimize any grade/slope issues on the trail.

Burkett moved to recommend approval of the Prairie Hills West Park Masterplan; Osterloo seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Main Avenue Road Diet Streetscape– Phase I – Lyle Pudwill, Confluence; Mike Patten, Park & Rec; and Deanna Knutson, City Engineering

Last Fall perpendicular parking and pedestrian zones were added on Main Avenue as a study to see if these are logical options to the streetscape. Based on feedback of the project, more permanent solutions will be added to improve the pedestrian character of the streetscape.

Research was done to find a solution that will allow for successful tree growth along the street.

Changes from the existing project include: permanent bump-out by Parker's restaurant; a suspended paver system will be installed inside the curb (ADA accessible) that will go over a special soil to allow the tree roots to grow un-impeded by any hard surfacing; and the bump out on the NE corner of 11th and Main is increased and a permanent seating area is included and will shorten the length of the cross walk.

On the west side of Main, the paving will remain with the exception of the areas where the trees will be planted. The suspended paver system will be installed just in these

areas and the special soil to allow the trees to flourish will be added. The parking will remain parallel.

Pedestrian traffic will be maintained in the pedestrian zone throughout the improvements. The designated ADA accessible spaces have yet to be located, two to four are planned. They are also looking at the use of the existing loading zone.

Currently the project has only recently been submitted for director's approval. Final plans are projected to be in place in a few months; funding is key and maintaining the budget is an ongoing challenge. Any 'red flags' should be identified now in order to get solutions into the final plan. Construction will take place late summer after the downtown summer events take place and before the weather prevents construction.

Hoy moved to recommend approval of Phase I of the Main Avenue Diet Streetscape with the condition that when the accessible parking spaces are designated, the ADA Accessibility Review Board has the opportunity to review the placement of those spaces; Burkett seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was decided that the accessible parking plans will be sent to Moran and she will get them to the Board for their review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Paulsen, NCCPVA Government Relations Director, reported that he has received a concern from a person who uses a powered mobility device that there is an area near 42nd Street and Grace Avenue that is lacking sidewalks. It is a water drainage/retention area that doesn't have sidewalk. The individual can't just travel around the block, but needs to cross the streets a few times to return home. Moran will check into it.

He also asked about a review of the new indoor aquatics center. PVA would like to send the plans to their architect to review. Patten reported that the plans are 60% complete. Moran reported that the Board is scheduled to review this project at their April 28th meeting.

Staff let the Board and guests know about the upcoming vacancy on the board. An engineer –type would round out the membership. It is ideal to have an engineer and architect who can contribute their expertise to the review of projects the ADA Accessibility Review Board reviews.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Garry