

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
April 28, 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 10:17 a.m.

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

Board member(s) absent: Matt Pruner

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

Guests present: Terry Paulsen, NCCPVA Government Relations Director; Lance Weatherly, City Engineering; Jeff DesLauriers, City Engineering; Alicia Luther, City Parks and Recreation; Tory Miedema, City Parks and Recreation; Jean Pearson, City Parks and Recreation; and Sean Ervin, TSP.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a correction made to the March 31, 2015 minutes. The minutes should have read that Kritzmire called the meeting to order, not Hoy. With that correction made, Hartmann moved to approve the March 31, 2015 meeting meetings; Osterloo seconded the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sidewalk near 42nd and Grace Avenue: Moran reported she contacted City engineering, who indicated Drainage was responsible for the sidewalk in that area. There was a long list of properties needing installation, with some constructed every year. If necessary, this sidewalk may be able to be moved up the list. There is currently a sidewalk on the other side of the street.

Event Center Step Markings: Moran reported that, even though the ADA does not require such markings, a City engineer would meet with Hartmann about the markings. Hartmann and Moran will schedule a date/time for viewing.

NEW BUSINESS

Complete Streets: Jeff DesLauriers

Complete Streets is a transportation policy and approach that incorporates design elements in street projects that promote safe, convenient, and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation. Complete Streets allows for safe travel by those walking, bicycling, driving automobiles, riding public transportation or delivering goods. Its purpose is to promote improved safety, health, economic, and environmental outcomes for the community.

The City established a steering committee to examine the Complete Streets concept. DesLauriers is a member of the working committee. The committee drafted a Complete Streets Resolution, which it will present to the City Council. DesLauriers provided copies of the draft resolution and a proposed letter for board member review. The resolution will formalize what the City is currently doing and will not change design standards at this point.

DesLauriers asked the board for a letter of endorsement. Board members asked for an opportunity to further study the draft resolution. Board members will each conduct an individual review and provide comments to Colleen Moran by May 12. Moran will contact DesLauriers regarding the board's decision.

Spellerberg Aquatic Center: Lance Weatherly, City Engineering; Sean Ervin, TSP

Spellerberg Aquatic Center is an indoor aquatic center located at Spellerberg Park on Western Avenue. The project is in its beginning stages, with dirt work presently underway. Lance Weatherly provided plans of the Aquatic Center for board members to review. The project includes the Aquatic Center and park improvements (north of the Aquatic Center). The plans currently include 204 parking spaces, with eight (8) ADA spaces. The ADA parking spots include van-accessible spaces. The sidewalk from the ADA parking spaces to the park will be replaced. The project also includes replacing the sidewalk that runs along Western Avenue (east of the Aquatics Center). Park improvements include adding a restroom facility and replacing the playground. The playground area will include rubber-tiled surfacing. The tennis courts and basketball court will be on an accessible path, and benches will be available with marked ADA areas by the bench. A pathway will go through the park to connect all areas. In addition, there's an accessible path between the Veterans Administration Hospital and the Aquatic Center. Work is scheduled to begin in the park area in 2016; there's a possibility of work on the tennis courts in late 2015.

The Aquatics Center will include a fifty-meter lap pool (removable stairs are available for use with this pool); a recreational pool (with zero-depth entry); and a therapy pool (with zero depth entry). Lifts will be available for all pools. Wheelchairs will be available for customer use in pools. The Parks department is researching which chairs will work best. Other accessibility features will include door operators on both sets of doors on the east and primary entrances; accessible counter tops; an elevator; companion seating and

accessible seating in the spectator seating on the second level; and contrasting colors for appropriate contrast on the step nosing (blue or black). Pending adequate funding, there will be a spray park outside the facility with an accessible, sun-deck area. The facility has accessible women's and a men's locker rooms and four accessible family changing rooms. The family changing rooms have showers (adjustable shower heads), toilets, sinks, and small sitting areas. There are two other accessible public restrooms by the front entrance, with direct access to the "sledding hill." Accessible restrooms are also available on the second-level spectator seating area. Interior signage will include appropriate contrast and Braille. Although locker room doors do not have door operators, they have closures with delayed timing to allow individuals adequate time to pass through the door area. The timing of the closures will be ADA compliant. Board members suggested a wider and longer bench in at least one of the family changing rooms. The suggestion was for a bench that would allow an individual to lie down to change clothes, with a handrail on the wall near the bench. Another board member suggested that a contrast on signs should not be white on silver.

Weatherly informed the board that, at this time, he is not requesting board action. He will come back as the project progresses. The project team will also take into account the comments and suggestions made at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Paulsen, NCCPVA Government Relations Director, provided an update on the Sanford Pentagon issues in which his agency is involved.

Paulsen also asked about obtaining plans of the Spellerberg Aquatic Center for the PVA's architect to review. Moran asked Paulsen to send a letter to her requesting the plans, which will then be forwarded to Weatherly, who will make the plans available.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Moran