

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
January 31, 2017.
Commission Room, 1st Floor City Hall
10:15 A.M.**

Board members present: Roseann Burkett, Helen Hartmann, Troy Osterloo, Patti Monson, and Paul Korn

Board member(s) absent: Eric Kritzmire and Matt Pruner

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Assistant City Attorney/ADA Coordinator; Jennifer Tuttle, Human Relations Specialist

Guests present: David Locke, Stockwell Engineers; Trevor VanConant, Koch Hazard; Keith Thompson, Koch Hazard; Shannon Verhey, City of Sioux Falls Public Works, Engineering Division; Erin Bofenkamp, City of Sioux Falls Project Management.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Roseanne Burkett called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Osterloo moved to approve the August 30, 2016 and the November 29, 2016 meeting minutes. Hartmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administration Building Presentation

David Locke, Keith Thompson, and Shannon Verhey presented information to the Board regarding the plans for the City's new administration building and VanEps Park. Board members were provided with copies of the site plans to review.

The park will include an accessible path throughout the park area. The accessible path will be accessed from sidewalks off Minnesota Avenue and Dakota Avenue. An ADA accessible parking space will be located adjacent to the sidewalk on Dakota Avenue. The park will also include ADA seating, and the Parks Department will provide accessible picnic tables. No restrooms will be available at the park, but the administration building will have public accessible restrooms that will be available during business hours.

Plans for the administration building include accessible parking on Dakota Avenue, near the front entrance. The "road diet" the City used on Main Avenue will be implemented on Dakota Avenue. The third lane for traffic will be removed, and parking will become diagonal parking.

The building's first floor will generally be where the public will enter. The ADA accessible parking spaces will be located in front of the building. There will be an accessible path from the accessible parking spaces to the entrance. The accessible path leading to the building will be comprised of concrete and pavers. The pavers will be textured, but not slippery when wet. The pavers will be a different color than the concrete. Handrails will be provided on the ramped entrance. The building will have an accessible entrance and an elevator on the first floor. The first floor will also include a service desk, with accessible counters on both sides of the desk. A fully-accessible restroom will be located on the first floor, as well as conference rooms and a public meeting area.

The basement area of the building will be accessed by City employees. Among other things, it will include accessible parking and accessible locker rooms. The elevator will also be available for use on this floor.

The second floor of the building will contain office areas for City employees. It will also include an area available for members of the public. This floor can be accessed by using the elevator or the stairs. The third floor will be similar to the second floor. Accessible restrooms will be located on each floor.

A patio will be located on the north and west sides of the building. It will be ADA accessible.

Specifics for parking in the adjacent parking ramp and underground parking are yet to be determined.

Board Suggestions

Board members made the following suggestions for enhanced accessibility:

- Color contrast at the stair edging
- Continuation of the handrail from the steps to the building entrance
- Installation of a handrail on the ramp side to the door
- Review of the use of the panels outside the building
- Review of loading and unloading for paratransit users

The presenters agreed to review the Board's suggestions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Moran

Disclaimer: The ADA Accessibility Review Board is a board of community members 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.