

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD  
MINUTES  
October 30, 2018  
Commission Room City Hall, City Center  
10:15 A.M.**

**Board members present:** Roseann Burkett, Patti Monson, Helen Hartmann

**Board member(s) absent:** Troy Osterloo, Matt Pruner, Robert Korn

**Staff present:** Colleen Moran, Assistant City Attorney

**Guests present:** Mike Patten (Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department); Aaron Norman and Carter Roberts (DGR Engineering); Wes Phillips (City Engineering)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 10:18.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bike Trail Improvements**

Mike Patten, Aaron Norman and Carter Roberts showed plans for the 2019 bike trail improvements on the bike trail between Fawick Park and Cherry Rock Park. The improvements include installing concrete to cover the railroad tracks to make the transition easier for users, especially those with disabilities; installing detectable warning panels at all rail crossings; widening the trail to 12 feet; extending the connection at Cliff Avenue to ensure ADA compliance; marking ADA reserved parking spots in the parking lot; connecting the parking lot off River Boulevard (using concrete) to the trail; and ensuring lighting under the bridge will be available and in working condition.

Patten explained that because of existing terrain, it is difficult to meet the ADA slope requirements. In addition, certain areas of the trail are in the floodway, so filling is prohibited. Also, attempting to even the slope will impact the drainage structure, with the potential to cause additional drainage issues. Based on these issues, the board was asked to provide input. The board made the following recommendations: (1) placing a landing in the middle of the trail (with a handrail) to allow for a flat area with a bench, which would allow a resting area for trail users; and/or (2) using an "S" curve in the trail as an alternative path to attempt to meet the required grade; and (3) placing signage to indicate the upcoming change in slope of the trail.

**Sidewalk Standards Update**

Wes Phillips, Principal City Engineer, provided proposed updates to the City's Sidewalk Design Standards. The Standards have added guidance on: (1) "T" intersections; (2) ramp sections, not adjacent to streets; (3) push button requirements; and (4) a reference to the International Building Code.

After discussion, the board members present indicated a support to the changes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public was present for public comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**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.**

*Minutes submitted by Colleen Moran*