



Meeting Minutes

First Floor Conference Room, City Hall

November 15, 2017

3:00pm

Commission members present: Kimberly Huff, Deb Aden, Sarah Jo Jorgensen, Sheila Sandness, Tana Zwart

Commission members absent: Kendra Gottsleben, Dierdre DiMemmo, Joyce Heiser, Lori Lewison

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Assistant City Attorney, Valerie Schonewill, Human Relations Specialist

Guest present: Wes Phillips, Heath Hoftiezer, Nick Rezak

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The October minutes were approved unanimously at 3:07.

Presentation from City engineers

Wes Phillips, Heath Hoftiezer, Nick Rezak presented some of their findings from the Network Inventory and Assessment project that the City is doing. They're creating a comprehensive database of pedestrian network features. They studied 1,000+ miles of sidewalks, 1,000+ push buttons, 13,000 curb ramps, 270 traffic signals. They're analyzing accessibility and compliance with the ADA. They also updated the committee on new accessible push buttons the City is purchasing and have begun installing. The buttons have microprocessors and use sight, touch and sound to help indicate when it is safe to cross an intersection.

They are open to feedback on accessibility throughout the City at wphilips@siouxfalls.org or hhoftiezer@siouxfalls.org.

Continuing Business – I Am Project

Photos have been taken, further discussion tabled until next month.

Civil Rights Update

Schonewill reported that the The House of Representatives was expected to vote on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R. 1) the following Thursday, which would lead to funding cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, and other supports and services that people with disabilities rely on to live independently in the community.

It was also reported that 24 out of the 37 open cases in the Human Relations Office are based on disability.

Public Comment

No public was present for public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:19pm.

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for December 20, at 3 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

These minutes submitted by Valerie Schonewill