



City of Cedar Rapids and Linn County ADA Advisory Committee

Greene Square Park

Thursday, July 14, 2016

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members present: Cherie Clark, Kay Fisk, Cathy Hafsi, John Haible, Tom Hardecopf, Ashlyn Lincoln, Adam Wright

Committee Members absent: Sam Claassen, Gina Johnson, Brittany Kerns, Jerad Nylin

Staff Members present: Darrin Gage, April Wing

Sven Leff, Director of Parks and Recreation, Daniel Gibbins, Parks Superintendent, and Chad Peterson, Urban Core Maintenance Supervisor, gave the committee a tour of Greene Square Park and discussed some of the ADA features while committee members made a few suggestions on ways to enhance accessibility including adding a firm surface, temporary or permanent, to either corner of the park that is just grass and making the material underneath the benches in the shade more firm, instead of loose rock. They commented on their appreciation that the splash pad had zero entry so that individuals who use wheelchairs or walkers would be able to enjoy.

Chair Kay Fisk called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

There was no public comment.

John Haible moved to approve the meeting minutes. Adam Wright seconded. There were no objections to the May 5, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

April Wing updated the Committee on the progress that City staff and their accessibility consultant, Recreation Accessibility Consultants (RAC), have been making on the settlement agreement. The City is continuing to work towards compliance with all city-owned facilities and sites. As part of the settlement

agreement, the city contracted with a website accessibility consultant, SSB Bart, to evaluate the city's website for accessibility annually. The City is currently remediating compliance issues found in the audit reports.

Darrin Gage shared with the Committee that the County has received inquiries regarding their website's accessibility and emergency management guidelines that they are addressing. He also noted that the County continues to make improvements on the items listed in their transition plan. He shared that he attended an ADA Symposium last month and discovered a new product called "Mobi-Mat" which is a portable mat that can be temporarily or permanently laid down on the ground to provide non-slip and traffic resistant for wheelchairs, strollers, and pedestrians on sand, grass, or other soft and unstable surfaces.

There were no grievance items reported to the County or City.

Chair Kay Fisk and Vice Chair Tom Hardecopf reviewed the draft agenda for the education forum. They announced it would be held September 21 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Hallagan Education Center at Mercy. Donna Smith from the Easter Seals will be the keynote speaker and will cover topics that include service animals, People First Language, and other ADA related issues. John McGovern, from Recreation Accessibility Consultants, will provide updates on accessibility assessments they are conducting for both the City and County. The forum will conclude with a panel of participants, to be decided, that will share successful ADA projects occurring within the community.

The next ADA Advisory Committee meeting will be held November 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Agenda items will include a review of the education forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Wing
City Manager's Office