City of Cedar Rapids and Linn County ADA Advisory Committee
Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center
Thursday, November 5, 2015
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members present: Cherie Clark, Kay Fisk, John Haible, Tom Hardecopf

Committee Members absent: Barb Beets, Brittany Kerns, Adam Wright

Staff Members present: April Wing

Chair Kay Fisk called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Cherie Clark moved to approve the meeting minutes. John Haible seconded. There were no objections to the August 13, 2015 and September 21, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

April Wing announced that the City has awarded the bid to Recreational Accessibility Consultants (RAC) to be the Independent Licensed Architect (ILA) required by the Department of Justice (DOJ) that will act as a third party between the City and the DOJ checking for compliance of all DOJ surveyed facilities. They will also survey all City facilities that were not surveyed by the DOJ and review for compliance once actions to remediate the access issues have occurred. In addition, RAC will develop a plan to help the City bring approximately 4,000 curb ramps into compliance and will design the first 1,000 ramps to help the City meet the deadlines set forth by the Settlement Agreement. The City has submitted items to the DOJ that were due within three months of the effective date of the agreement.

Randy Burke from Linn County Conservation updated the Committee and shared pictures of the new "Inclusive Playgrounds" at Squaw Creek and Pinicon Ridge. He explained it was a two and a half year process that involved input from County

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and City staff, people with disabilities as well as people who had family members with disabilities. The playgrounds feature special playground equipment such a as "cocoons", gliders and accessible activity boards for children with disabilities to enjoy. In addition to the playground being accessible, the routes to the playground from the parking lot and showers are accessible. Playworld Systems, the playgrounds consultant, voted the Squaw Creek playground "Playground of the Year" and will use it in their 2016 advertisements.

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

Chair Kay Fisk stated Senator Harkin's staff will begin to create his 2016 calendar in December so she will have a better idea then as to when he will be able to speak at the Committee's education forum.

April Wing noted that the City is working on a new website and would like the Committee to review the website for accessibility and offer their feedback before it goes live. She forecasted this review would take place sometime in March or April and will keep the Committee updated on the exact date.

Meeting dates for 2016 will be February 4, May 5, August 4 and November 3 with additional meetings scheduled as needed.

The next ADA Advisory Committee meeting will be held February 4, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Linn County Public Service Center. Agenda items will include the 2016 work plan, review of the by-laws, re-election of officers, and an update on the planning of the education forum .

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Wing
Administrative Assistant
City Manager's Office