



# Cedar Rapids and Linn County ADA Advisory Committee



**Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2015**  
**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

## **ADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**Committee Members present:** Barb Beets, John Haible, Tom Hardecopf

**Committee Members absent:** Tim Carson, Cherie Clark, Rick Davis, Kay Fisk, Kathy Good, Adam Wright

**Staff Members present:** Janet Abejo, Darrin Gage and April Wing

Vice Chair Tom Hardecopf called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

No formal action was taken due to a lack of a quorum.

There was no public comment.

April Wing gave the Committee an update on the City's progress with the Department of Justice (DOJ) settlement agreement. She explained the City is working out final details of the settlement agreement.

Darrin Gage announced to the Committee that the consulting firm that is conducting the County's self-evaluation/transition plan, Recreation Accessibility Consultants, completed Phase I which surveyed 15 of their major buildings as well as their policies. The report lists \$2.4 million in recommended changes which will occur over a 5-6 year timeframe. Phase II will survey their Parks and Conservation and unincorporated villages. Phase III will include the miscellaneous items as well as a comprehensive report of all three phases.

Vice Chair Tom Hardecopf explained that although there are has not been any grievances filed with the City or County, Recreation Accessibility Consultants suggested adding "grievance items" as a standing item to the agenda to act as a reminder to discuss at every meeting.

Vice Chair Tom Hardecopf asked if anyone had ideas for the Education Forum. April Wing noted topics for the 2015 forum were discussed at the November 2014 meeting following

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the 2014 forum. Topic suggestions included a People First Language discussion/panel, mental health information as it relates to Title II, service animal requirements, and self-advocacy. Vice Chair Tom Hardecopf also suggested adding an update from City regarding the settlement agreement and County's self-evaluation/transition plan. He stated the subcommittee will work on reserving the Hallogen Education Center at Mercy sometime this fall. He stated he and Kay will report back at the August meeting the exact date of the forum.

The next ADA Advisory Committee meeting will be held August 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Wing  
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