Montpelier ADA Committee
December 3, 2019

Subject to review and approval

Attendance: Marty Roberts – Chair, Dianne Richardson, Tom McArdle – ADA Coordinator, Kevin Casey – Community Development Specialist, Arne McMullen – Recreation Department Director, Jack McCullough – City Council Representative, Tina Hagen – community member.

Approve agenda

The agenda was approved.

Introductions and welcome

Since there were no members of the public, this was skipped.

Opportunity for public comment

There was no one from the public present.

Discussion of ADA committee priorities

Marty has been in contact with someone who has interest in the committee, but he doesn't have a computer. He could phone in or Skype if he wanted to. Another advertisement might go out again.

On the list of priorities in the transition plan - CGBD funding could be up to $ 75,000. With other funding, there could be a shortfall of $ 55,000. That money might be found in other pots of money, such as the parks budget. The project manager still needs to be determined, since that cost needs to be factored into the budget.

The biggest numbers would involve the Rec Building and Hubbard Park. Kevin needed to leave the meeting, but he said once final estimates were put together, he could develop the grant application.

The committee reviewed the transition plan priority spreadsheet of the priority recommendations and descriptions line by line. It was noted the entire park doesn't need to be accessible, just certain areas to achieve equivalent equal access. All agreed that bathrooms should be a higher priority than water fountains and picnic tables. The prioritizations noted by the consultant were modified by unanimous consent. Tom will make the changes and recommended that if members wish to recommend other changes to forward to all for review by February. A revised priority list will be reviewed at the March meeting. Cost estimates for all of the projects will need to be refined, verified and updated based on local costs. Tom noted that the facility projects and cost estimates will need to be evaluated with the city's facility person because he does not have the expertise with regard to architectural matters but will coordinate the outside facility projects to include working with the respective department staff.

A discussion about the Hubbard Park tower took place. The consultant recommended an equivalent experience be created because the tower is inaccessible and not practical to modify. Dianne mentioned there could be live webcams or 360 ◦ views for people to check out changes that might need to be made but there's no power supply. It was mentioned that still pictures could be taken of the various seasons and a kiosk constructed at ground level to display. Tom will send Alec email to see what could be done using his work crew. There was also discussion about vehicle access to the tower – Jack explained that contacting park staff is an option to gain permission for the gate to be opened. Accessible parking at the tower was also discussed.

The Mountaineers field recommendations were reviewed. The consultant's suggestion for modifying the existing bathrooms had not been previously considered an alternative to building new restrooms so this option should be explored further to determine if it is a more affordable and suitable alternative.

Discussion also took place about developing an accessible route to the old shelter and the most practical location for the restroom; at the shelter or parking area. The committee also discussed the swimming pool building recommendations. It was noted that one of the pool access paths has a grade exceeding the maximum. An interim measure may be to provide guidance to accessible route. Tom & Arne will survey the grades to see if a solution can be constructed to for both routes to be compliant.

Tom has agreed to be the ADA Coordinator for at least another year and will work on project development.

Arne had to leave the meeting.

Updates from committee members

There were none.

Review and approve meeting minutes from October 8, 2019

Tina made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Marty seconded. The minutes were approved.

Confirm next meeting date – March 10, 2020.

Adjourn

Marty made a motion to adjourn, Tina seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary