

Memo

To: Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners

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Re: 2015 ADA Transition Plan Updates

I. Statement of Situation

In 2011 Recreation Accessibility Consultants assessed each of the Urbana Park District's parks and facilities. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as the Architectural Barriers Act, is a civil rights issue regulated by the Department of Justice. Each location was reviewed for compliance with the most recent ADA Accessibility Guidelines, and the consultants offered recommendations to remedy each compliance barrier that was noted. The resulting report established the district's ADA Transition Plan, which is a living document regularly updated and reviewed by staff. In the summer of 2015 the Transition Plan became even more interactive with a new spreadsheet allowing it to be sorted based on completion dates, priority number and so on across all parks and facilities in the district.

Barriers to accessibility called out within the plan are considered with every new park district project in addition to specific ADA compliance projects. Barriers range from priority 1 to 4. Priority 1 means that the infraction can be remedied fairly easily with limited resources and 4 means the compliance issue is essentially infeasible to fix without major reconstruction of the building or feature. Thus far 250 infractions have been addressed and remedied (208 fully completed, 39 take continuous maintenance and 3 are partially complete out of 745 total). This means that one-third of all barriers to accessibility have already been brought to ADA standards within 5 years.

II. Statement of Work

The major accessibility reconstruction project of 2015 was complete rebuilding of the path work and ramp on the north side of Leal Park and at the Cottage. This project addressed twelve ADA Transition Plan deficiencies significantly improving the entrance to the facility, the park as a whole, and the connection to and from the parking lot. Upgrades were also made at the Anita Purves Nature Center where eleven deficiencies were addressed through smaller additions including new hardware and signage. The total number of barriers to accessibility addressed in 2015 is twenty-four. Additional projects and annual ADA maintenance are also described in this memo.

ADA Transition Plan Completed Items

Annual ADA Maintenance

Action Taken
Playground safety surface is checked once every month and a log is kept by Facilities Maintenance Supervisor for previous 12 months.
All picnic tables are periodically checked in order to ensure that 20% of picnic tables are ADA accessible models.
Staff have been trained in proper trimming protocols. Brush and limb clearance is addressed on a yearly basis to ensure continuous growth has not affected accessibility or clearance minimums. Other immediate issues are additionally addressed by the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor.

Cottage

Barrier	Action Taken
Multiple changes in level greater than .5"	Accessible route has been fully replaced to maintain accessibility
Significant surface cracks and gaps exceeding .5" along accessible route	Accessible route has been fully replaced to maintain accessibility
Cross slope at entrance to Cottage is 6.2%	Accessible route has been fully replaced to maintain a cross slope of maximum 2%
Running slope of the accessible route at entry to the Cottage is greater than 5% in two places	Sidewalk has been fully replaced to maintain accessible slope of maximum 5%

Leal Park

Barrier	Action Taken
Curb ramp running slope greater than 8.33%	Curb ramp has been fully replaced to meet accessibility standards
No detectable warnings at curb ramps	Detectable warnings installed at curb ramps to meet accessibility standards
Changes in level along the accessible route cannot exceed .25"	Accessible route fully replaced to meet accessibility standards
1" gap along accessible route leading to pavilion	Accessible route fully replaced to meet accessibility standards
Substantial surface deteriorations and cracking decrease the accessibility of the surface along the accessible route	Route has been fully replaced and new surface is accessible
Accessible route cross slope is 3.4%	Route has been fully replaced so that cross slope is maximum 2%
Running slopes to the pavilion exceed 5% at both entrances	Sidewalk has been replaced with running slope maximum of 5%.
Accessible routes less than 60" wide must provide a turning space every 200'	With route replacement and upgrades there are now adequate locations for turning

Anita Purves Nature Center

Barrier	Action Taken
No compliant signage at inaccessible entrances	Compliant signage mounted at inaccessible entrances directing patrons to accessible entrances
No compliant signage at accessible entrances	Compliant signage has arrived, installation planned for late 2015
6 of 6 exterior doors with closers fail pounds of force requirement	6 of 6 door closers replaced with ADA compliant door closers
3 of 6 exterior doors with closers fail closing speed requirement	6 of 6 door closers replaced with ADA compliant door closers
Doors on electrical closets, elevator room, furnace closet (hazardous areas) do not have knurled lever	Hardware replaced with knurled lever
20 of 24 interior doors with closers fail pounds of force requirement	24 of 24 interior door closers replaced with ADA compliant door closers
5 of 24 interior doors with closers fail closing speed requirement	24 of 24 interior doors replaced with ADA compliant door closers
No clear floor space at fire pull alarm in lobby	Items have been relocated in order to maintain accessible floor space to pull alarm in lobby
Bathroom stall doors not self-closing	Stall doors upgraded to self-closing doors
Women's restroom rear grab bar not mounted correctly	Grab bar remounted correctly to ensure compliance
The park district acknowledged that the sinks in APNC were not completely accessible	Sinks have been completely replaced with ADA compliant models

AMBUCS Park

Barrier	Action Taken
Replace urinal in men's restroom with compliant one with 13.5" minimum depth	Urinal has arrived and installation planned for late 2015