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Memorandum Supplemental Packet

TO: ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK/ADA COORDINATOR
DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2021
SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum from ADA Coordinator re: Development of the Draft Parks Transition Plan
 - 1. Worksheet Notes and Photos of Park Visits 2021

Memorandum from Project Technician re: Parks ADA Transition Plan

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Memorandum

TO: ADA Compliance Committee
FROM: Owen Meyer, Project Technician
DATE: October 13, 2021
SUBJECT: Parks ADA Transition Plan

Background: Meetings took place on July 1, July 23, August 6, August 20 and September 17, 2021 to identify features of Homer's parks that were out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and take measurements of such features so that they could be included in an eventual Parks & Trails ADA transition plan.

During the September 17 meeting, we took measurements at Karen Hornaday Park and Bayview Park. Measurements had previously been taken for Karen Hornaday Park at the July 1 meeting, however we wanted to reassess it because we were unsure of the ADA requirements for playgrounds. Additionally, Matt Steffy, our Parks Superintendent was not available for the July 1st visit and we thought it would be valuable to get his perspective on what needed to happen there.

Key Takeaways: For Karen Hornaday Park, most of our time was spent on the playground. The ADA is not specific on how many elements within a playground need to be accessible, however, it does make clear that some elements should be accessible. As with many parts of the ADA, this should be interpreted to mean that as many elements as can reasonably be made accessible should be made accessible.

The Karen Hornaday Park playground has some accessible play elements, however the main issue is the ground surfaces within the playground, which do not meet the standard of smooth, stable and slip resistant. This means that while some elements may be otherwise accessible, there is no accessible route to those elements so they are not accessible. Additionally, all routes to the southeast corner of the playground are blocked by logs, making that area of the playground inaccessible to anyone with a mobility-related disability.

In Bayview Park, the playground set needs to be replaced because it is unsafe to use. The most common cause of death while on a playground set is when children wearing hoodies are hanged on pointed protrusions and the Bayview Park playset has many such protrusions. Additionally the structural integrity of the set is not sound.

The parking lots in both Karen Hornaday Park and Bayview Park need to be modified. The handicapped parking spaces in both parks are not properly surfaced, striped or signed. It should be noted however, that there is a long term plan to pave the entire parking lot for Karen Hornaday Park and the issues with the handicapped parking there can be addressed as part of that project.