



**MINUTES**  
**AD HOC FACILITIES ACCESS MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 27, 2019  
2:00 pm —East Center Auditorium

Posting approved by Sandra Thornton March 15, 2019 8:32 am  
Subject to Committee Approval

PRESENT: Sandra Thornton (Chair), Gail Ault, Suzan Curtin, Sandy Rockowitz ABSENT: Ed Knop  
GVR STAFF: Dan Freeman, David Jund ABSENT: Kent Blumenthal

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sandra Thornton called the meeting to order 2pm. The next meeting will be March 13, 1pm. Housekeeping - Sandra asked that the "closed" after our meetings be removed and asked where our minutes were posted. Also how to find the Underserved Subcommittee Report which was issued back in December. Our Ad Hoc committee was a result of the Underserved findings.

**ADOPT MINUTES**

MOTION: Passed; unanimous.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**View major centers:** Group determined to use a consistent format for reporting. We will forward individual center reports via email to Sandra prior to the next meeting. Gail and Sandy will try to look at a couple Satellite Centers prior to the meeting. Sandra will request results from the Club Needs Survey, question 13, which dealt with "facility limitations that restrict access by physically challenged GVR members." Reports were given by Sandy, Las Campanas/Santa Rita Springs (LC/SRS); Gail, Canoa Hills (CH)/Administration; Sandra, Desert Hills (DH)/Administration.

David Jund stated the pressure bar Administration front door is a panic bar for emergency access but works for those with physical limitations. Most centers do not have generators but in case of emergency only the Administration door locks electronically. Sandy pointed out SRS has many blue push buttons but not the restrooms or Fiesta Room. David reported cost is about \$1800 per button plus labor and materials. LC has a blue button on fitness center restroom but not others.

Issues noted besides blue push buttons were lack of braille signage, lack of handicap parking spots near curbcuts, poor lighting outside centers around parking lots. Braille signage was not required at the time CH was built. David knows there is a height requirement for braille signs, as well as toilets and is aware of lack of lighting around several centers. David reported TEP owns the lighting polls at SRS, West, CH. Lighting is poor the further you go in DH parking lot and at CH. There are no flairs at DH ramps (okay under old ADA but may be rectified in April). DH probably needs some blue push buttons and the upper restrooms are very tight. There was a full ADA audit in 1993 and some corrections were initially funded. GVR tries to stay current with new regulations; i.e., one restroom stall was lost at West Center to become compliant. The only working elevator (SRS) was updated to ADA code for over \$100,000. Additional elevators (DH) could fall in the Initiatives Reserve.

Sandy asked about the feasibility of our suggestions being acted upon. David said GVR could attack the little problems. Push buttons at SRS are doable: Identifying all centers that need push buttons could elicit some dollar savings. CH is still in the design process - may be completed as soon as next summer and include a restroom remodel. Outside showers will be installed at some major centers to eliminate the problem of restroom showers

that are inconvenient to pool areas. Pathway lighting was recently installed at CH. County restrictions limit the amount of illumination that can be provided with CR and CH being more strict.

Major issues like restroom remodels where stalls are too narrow at CH, DH, CP1, MV should be built into the capital projects budget although there is money available in the reserve fund. The CH locker room is identified as a capital project and additional grab bars can be installed then. Perhaps a different entrance at DH to allow for close-in h/c parking at the lower level as the current slope makes it difficult.

**Identify concerns in March:** so Facilities can analyze the projects and the funding. Initial Suggestions:

- 1) The Facilities map shows looping, chair lifts at pools, but it was suggested adding unisex restrooms.
- 2) Install blue push buttons at many locations, particularly restrooms (SRS, SB, DH).
- 3) Attach an umbrella stand to pool railings so people with canes could safely store them.
- 4) Add landscaping lights around parking areas for night lighting.
- 5) Add another h/c spot by the Fiesta Room at SRS. .
- 6) More or additional braille signage at various locations

**Article for GVR NOW:** Requesting GVR members who know of issues to provide input.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04pm

### What you didn't know about the 2018 Member Survey

In 2017 GVR conducted a survey, the results of which were announced in February of 2018. As a result, a Survey Committee was formed to look at "troublesome" issues" and broken into four subgroups: Staff Issues headed by Denise Nichol, Board Issues headed by Blaine Nisson, Communication Issues headed by Carol Lambert, and Underserved headed by Sandra Thornton. Both the Communications and the Underserved subcommittees completed reports identifying problems and suggesting solutions and these are available for members to peruse.

Just one of the suggestions to come out of the Underserved Subcommittee was to form an Ad Hoc Facilities Access Committee. Because our age group frequently has more people with physical limitations, either permanent or temporary, than the general public it was identified as a troublesome issue. The ad hoc committee felt GVR did a good job at most centers and was generally in ADA compliance. Our goal was to expand even further "ease of access" for those with physical limitations. We've set out to "find the small stuff" and we could use your help.

If you've viewed or encountered areas with limited access or have suggestions that would make access easier, please let us know! Email [sthornton@gvrec.org](mailto:sthornton@gvrec.org), call GVR at 520.625.3440 and leave Dan Freeman (x7358) a message, or drop a suggestion in the Suggestion Boxes at the major centers or the Administration Office at 1070 S Calle de las Casitas. And thank you for helping make GVR better!!