



MINUTES
FACILITY ACCESS AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
1:00 pm – West Center, Room 1

Committee Approved Minutes April 3, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sandra Thornton called the meeting to order 1pm. The next meeting will be April 3, 1pm. Housekeeping - Dan will check with Kathy Edwards to see where our minutes are being posted. Sandra will request results from the Club Needs Survey, question 13, which dealt with "facility limitations that restrict access by physically challenged GVR members."

ADOPT MINUTES

MOTION: Adopt February 27 minutes. Passed; unanimous.

- **ACTION ITEMS**

- **View major centers:** Review of reports were given by Suzan - East Center (EC); Sandy - Las Campanas/Santa Rita Springs (LC/SRS); Gail - Canoa Hills (CH)/Administration/Continental Vistas; Ed - Canoa Ranch (CR)/West Center (WC); and Sandra - Desert Hills (DH)/Administration.

Dan Freeman reported David Jund was meeting with contractor regarding push buttons at SRS for four restrooms and Fiesta room. Cost is about \$1800 per button but we have an electrician in-house who can do the work.

Issues noted; 1) blue push buttons 2) braille signage frequently is missing or at a height not in compliance, 3) lack of handicap parking spots near curbcuts or, as at East, too many stripped for handicap van parking 4) poor lighting outside centers around parking lots and along sidewalks.

Some discussion resulted on emergency egress such as not every room having a fire extinguisher, inability to see exit signs when smokey, whether lights flash in emergency. This was determined to be a subcategory of our "ease of access" issues. Kent suggested we contact the Fire Marshall to do a walk-thru to address our concerns. Suzan noted phosphorus tape could be used at floor level as a guide.

TO DO: 1) Satellite centers will be looked at - Gail -MV/AN, Ed -AS, Suzan -CPII, Sandra -CPI 2) article for GVR NOW

Identified concerns/possible solutions:

The GVR Facilities map list where unisex bathrooms and looping for hearing aids are available.

- 1) Post maps similar to Evacuation Maps on GVR website and in center lobbies.
- 2) Install blue push buttons at many locations, particularly restrooms (SRS, SB, DH, LC back door). Check those at CH as they seemed not to work properly.
- 4) Attach an umbrella stand to pool railings so people with canes could safely store them.
- 5) Add solar lights (light bollards) around parking areas and sidewalks for night lighting (DH, CH, West).
- 6) Additional h/c spots a) by the Fiesta Room at SRS and additional striping b) by reconfiguring at East Center c) closer in at DH d) removing blocks at LC that inhibit safe travel to walkway e) West lower s. side

- 7) More or additional braille signage at various locations.
- 8) Incorporate above with updating or adding "directory" signage at centers (including braille).
- 9) Change out (or install) stall handles at various restrooms for ease in opening and locking stall door.
- 10) Pebble finish for some walk areas - at pools/showers, ramp at SRS to Anza Room, stairs

Major issues like restroom remodels where stalls are too narrow at CH, DH, CP1, should be built into the capital projects budget although there is money available in the reserve fund. Ed reminded us we talked about a major center serving many geriatric needs. Gail noted that CH was being looked at for updating and it would be a good center for a Lazy River.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm