

**AD HOC FACILITIES ACCESS MEETING**  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 2:30 pm —Las Campanas

Approved by Committee June 4, 2019

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sandra Thornton called the meeting to order 2:35pm. The next meeting will be June 4, 2:30pm.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

MOTION: Passed; unanimous.

**ADOPT MINUTES**

MOTION: Adopt April 23 minutes with corrections. Passed; unanimous.

**Old Business:** Gail reported nighttime check of Desert Hills shows 17 bollard lights leading from the entrance along the sidewalk and also many along the sidewalk next to Camino del Sol. Abrego N also has 10 smaller light bollards along the walkway.

Sandy talked to Dick Promo about the challenges of being blind. Braille signage needs to be approximately 60 inches high. He noted that ADA requirements vary depending on age of facility.

Summarized center reports were turned in by Sandy, Gail and Ed. Suzan has viewed Casa Paloma 2 and will do her report.

There have been no responses from the *GVR Now* article.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Review findings major and satellite centers:** Committee members will review respective center reports and format brief report showing issues and possible solutions.

**Final Report:** We identified the common issues as: 1) h/c parking, 2) outside lighting, 3) ramps, 4) signage, 5) automatic door access buttons, and 6) restroom doors and door handles. Discussion revolved around the format with the final consensus being 1) define issue, 2) list rationale for correction, 3) list possible solutions with the cost to be determined by staff. The first section will include the issue and the individual centers affected and a second section will be by center, listing all the issues/possible solutions at each center.

Sandra noted that overall we found most centers to be in good shape. Our report will provide the staff with data. Ed noted we should list problematic issues that are 1) doable and 2) those that require a longer-term solution.

We need a realistic approach with simple solutions. Our goal is for those with severe limitations being able to participate. The social aspect of participation for those with physical limitations is important - if a person runs up against access issues their determination can get crushed and their mental attitude suffers.

More importantly, all of us experience some issues with physical limitations - arthritis, perhaps a temporary surgery or accident - making our little thoughtful solutions benefit the larger GVR population.

Discussion on signage revolved around it not being consistent even though it is accurate - it should be easily readable and located 48"-60" from the floor, on the left side, sans serif font, uppercase letters, larger words (2"?) with strong contrast so someone with impaired vision can read it. Ed noted "Exit" signs should be 6".

**TO DO:** (From April 23 meeting) Dan will check on: 1) where to find the Underserved and Communications Subcommittee Reports online, 2) if staff parking is an issue besides at East Center.

At Abrego S move the *GVR Now* dispenser/rack to another location making hall wheelchair accessible and move a trashcan to allow easier access to the telephone.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm