

AD HOC FACILITIES ACCESS MEETING

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 2:30 pm —Las Campanas

Committee Approved Minutes July 2, 2019

PRESENT: Sandra Thornton (Chair), Gail Ault, Ed Knop, Sandy Rockowitz **ABSENT:** Suzan Curtin
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 July 2, 2:30pm.

ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION: Passed; unanimous.

ADOPT MINUTES

MOTION: Passed; unanimous.

Old Business: There have been no responses from the *GVR Now* article. Sandra asked Dan to notify the committee of the build dates for the various major and satellite centers. Sandy reported hearing positive comments on the solar installations.

We reviewed the draft of the Facilities Access Report. Our goal is getting people to facilities by making it easy. Sandy felt we were showing our desire by the very fact of this committee. We are active longer and want to be able to use the facilities. Ed reiterated we are not just concerned with those with permanent physical limitations since all of us experience limitations from time to time. Sandra noted clubs can help handle the isolation issue that frequently affects people as they age. Sandy asked about clubs for those that are financially strapped and if we should mention that but Gail pointed out our report is about access. Sandra thought putting the information in an EBlast or GVRNow would be an option. Dan stated after the report is presented to the Board and decisions have been information will be passed down to staff regarding what will occur.

Sandra also stated the lighting at Desert Hills may be difficult for those with cataract issues as the bollards are at eye level when arriving in a car but Dan thought the bollards were not adjustable.

Sandy and Gail both felt the shorter the report, the more likely it would be read. Ed felt it might not need to go to P&E if the items were inexpensive and easily rectified.

The group discussed having a formal ADA review which Ed thought could be from \$50-75,000 and the group concluded that it would not be necessary at this time

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. The first section will define the issue and rationale for correction. A second section will be by center, listing all the issues/possible solutions at each center. We will also note in this section if center is generally in good shape.

Section one could also list possible solutions such as 1) h/c parking at West: having a designated "drop off" location.; repainting, restriping, reposting; allocating more spots. 2) Lighting: movable lamps, higher wattage, bollard lighting, trim trees that hamper lighting. 3) Ramps: add a railing or traction strips to avoid slipping. 4) Signage: entrance area directory signs 5) Door access issues: use a \$15 "doorbell" to summon someone to open the door. Ed noted we should break issues into two sections: 1) short term, easy, inexpensive, and doable and 2) those that require a longer-term solution or should be worked on when a major remodel is occurring.

New Committee: Sandra noted upon conclusion of this Ad Hoc Facilities Access Committee the Committee will begin researching how to gather information from the members via a short survey: how to reach members, how long the survey should be, how to word the questions. A "pulse" survey which would be done regularly and ask questions like "Are you satisfied with classes/courses/activities being offered?", "Is GVR effectively managed?" Ed noted he's done survey research for years. As we move toward accepting this responsibility we need to be careful what we are going to allow ourselves to be committed to and consistent with the money and authority we have. We can't look political (the Blue Ribbon Survey was transparently political) and should probably solicit suggested topics from various groups of members (clubs, committees, through GVR Now). Sandra noted Jerry Humphrey has expressed interest in joining the group.

TO DO:

Review findings major and satellite centers: Committee members will review respective center reports and email Sandra the reports in the format shown in Ed's West Center report with special circumstances being added

at the end; i.e. should showers have pebble/traction-type finish. These will be in the appendix.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm