

MEETING AGENDA

Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 6:30pm

City Hall, 400 S. Eagle Street

Meeting Room A

A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC FORUM

C. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the meeting notes of the November 7, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Commission on Disabilities. *Action Requested: Approval*
2. Commission Discussion: ADA parking spaces in the Central Business District. *Action Requested: None*
3. Staff Report: Changes to the Illinois Accessibility Code regarding ADA parking space design and proposed City of Naperville approach. *Action Requested: None*
4. Staff Report: Granicus Legistar, public meeting management software being implemented by the city. *Action Requested: None*
5. Accessible Community Task Force Update. *Action Requested: None*

D. OLD BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

F. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: May 8, 2019

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**ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
NOVEMBER 7, 2018 MEETING SUMMARY
(DRAFT)**

Call to Order

6:32 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Briggs (Chairman), Baumgartner, Stark, Heyden, Elegant, Fumagalli, Hinterlong (City Council Rep.), Harbath (Student), Kee (Student), O’Grady (Student)

Present:

Briggs, Baumgartner, Stark, Heyden, Harbath (Student), Kee (Student), O’Grady (Student)

Absent:

Elegant, Fumagalli, Hinterlong

Staff Present:

Emery, Zibble, Foley

B. Minutes

Approve the minutes of August 1, 2018

Motion by: Stark

Second by: Baumgartner

Approved (4 to 0)

C. New Business

Chairman Briggs introduced Peter Zibble as the city’s new liaison to the commission and the new ADA Coordinator for the city.

Introductions

The Chairman and commission members introduced themselves in turn and said a little bit about what motivated them to participate in the ACD. The new student representatives to the commission also introduced themselves and spoke about why they are interested in the commission’s work. The audience members were also invited to introduce themselves and speak to why they were in attendance.

Staff Presentation

Kristen Foley, Senior Assistant City Attorney presented “Dogs, Horses, Pigs and Peacocks: Knowing the Difference between Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals”. Service animals are defined and protected under the ADA. They are either dogs or small horses that have been individually trained to perform tasks for an individual with a disability. There are very few places where service animals are not permitted to be. Emotional support animals, on the other hand, are not trained to perform specific tasks and are not protected under the ADA. To help confirm if an animal is a service animal, two questions may be asked: “Do you need the animal because of a disability?” and “What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?”

Ms. Foley provided clarification by answering commissioner and student representative questions.

Staff Updates

Amy Emery, TED Operations Manager, indicated that there has been no relevant state or federal case law or settlement agreements to report.

Peter Zibble, ADA Coordinator, provided an update on the city web site as provided by the city Communications Manager, Linda LaCloche. Linda indicated that the site was evaluated for accessibility in 2017. The site is now up to date and reflects the level of modern functionality and security people would expect. She also indicated that it is always open to suggestions for improvement based on feedback from residents and business end users.

Mr. Zibble notified the commission that the State of Illinois Capital Development Board released an updated version of the Illinois Accessibility Code after 21 years. City staff will be reviewing it to identify significant changes to ensure they are applied to future developments.

D. Old Business

Accessible Community Task Force Report (ACTF)

Commissioner Stark noted a number of issues that the ACTF is currently working on. She indicated that the “Handicap This” program is currently on hold due to the health of one of the founders. The ACTF has a new form for volunteers. Gary Smith, Chairman of the ACTF, attended a presentation on Fair Housing regulations. Other ACTF members attended the last Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) meeting to speak about the Right-of-way Transition Plan Update. The ACTF would also like to provide a “day in the life” experience for city officials in late 2019.

Ms Emery confirmed that the ACD did review the Right-of-way Transition Plan Update prior to it going to TAB and that it will be headed to City Council for approval in the near future.

ADA Team Staff Report

Ms. Emery indicated that there were no formal complaints to date. Dawn Porter in the City Clerk’s Office has reported a successful year of special events with issues. Ms Emery updated the commission on the status of the Smart Park just outside the Municipal Center. She indicated that DPW staff was looking into the cost of upgrading the lower level doors from the Municipal Center to the park to decrease the length of the accessible route from the parking garage to the park. This improvement could be reprioritized compared to other improvements planned for city facilities.

**E. Public
Comment**

Gary Smith, Chairman ACTF

Mr. Smith suggested that the ACTF and the ACD could work more closely together particularly on issues of transportation and housing. Voiced concerns about issuance of sidewalk seating permits and its impact on sidewalk widths.

Chairman Briggs responded that he would be open to greater communication but that the role of the ACD is primarily to ensure compliance with the law, but would be open to discussing if those laws should be changed.

Ms. Vic Willerth, Resident

Would like to see developers make homes more accessible to those in wheelchairs. Cited Bolingbrook as having a “visitability” law and would like to see Naperville have something similar.

Gary Smith, ACTF

Indicated that Councilman Hinterlong brought to his attention a fence that blocks a portion of the ADA accessible ramp to the new Starbucks at Ogden and Ellsworth.

Mr. Zibble indicated that staff will follow-up on this issue.

Closing Remarks

Ms. Emery and Chairman Briggs thanked the student representatives for their participation and encouraged them to return to the next meeting.

F. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Baumgartner. Second Heyden.

7:29 p.m.

Motion Approved (4 to 0)



Item #: C2, Version: 1

Meeting Date: 02/06/2019

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT:

Commission Discussion: ADA parking spaces in the Central Business District.

ACTION REQUESTED:

No Action Requested

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Peter Zibble, TED Operations Manager

BACKGROUND:

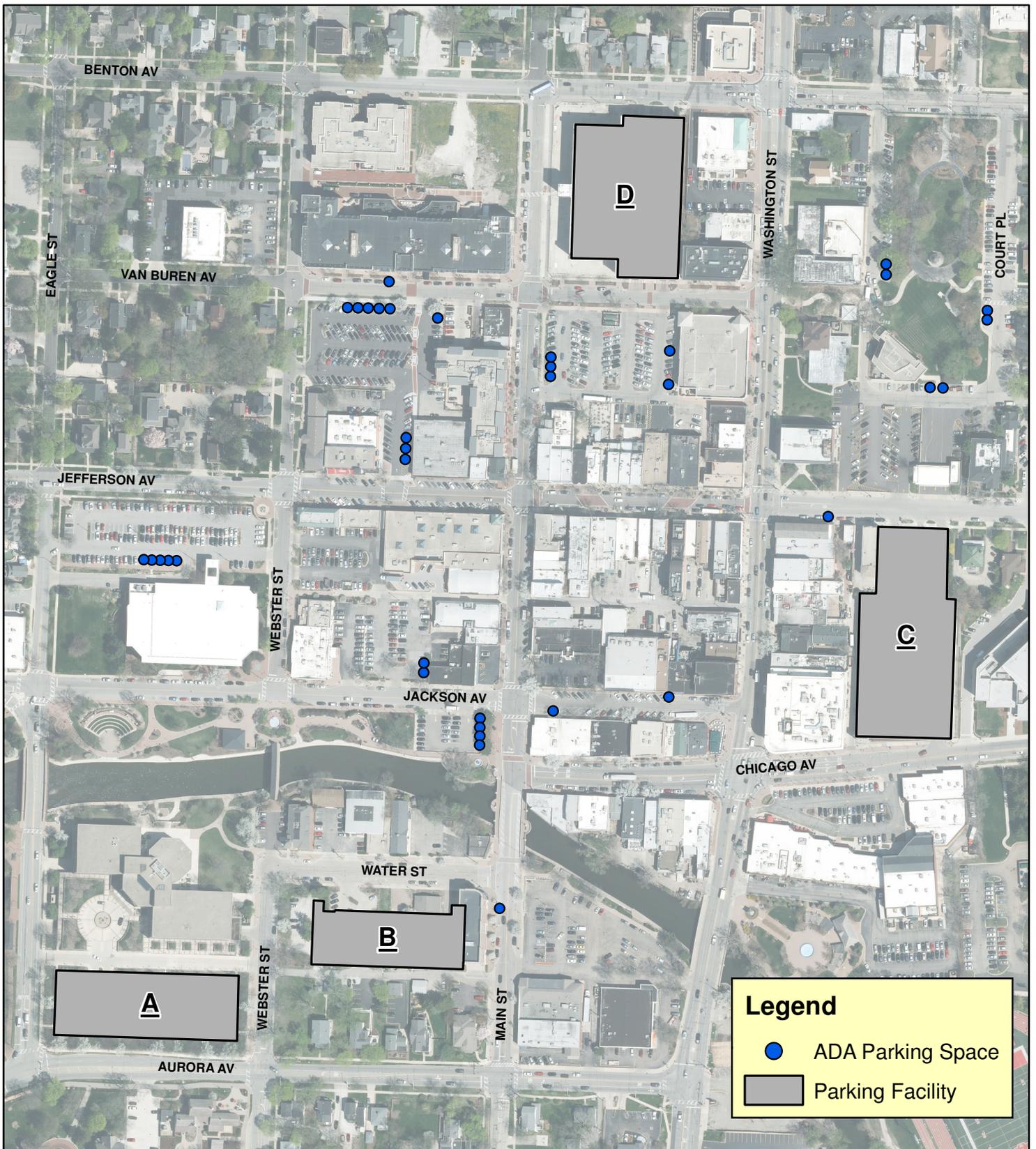
Commissioner Stark requested a discussion on ADA parking spaces in the city after a request was made to the ACTF requesting more ADA parking spaces on Jackson Street by Charles Schwab. The Transportation Team provided some background information on parking in the downtown as follows:

- Public parking lots and structures need to meet the ADA parking requirements of the Illinois Accessibility Code just as any private lot would. In total, throughout the city lots and parking garages, there are 77 ADA parking spaces. The Illinois Accessibility Code requires 60.
- Public street parking is not regulated. There are 432 public on-street spaces and if the general rule of 2% ADA spaces is applied, there would be a need for 9 spaces. There are currently 5 provided.
- In total, the number of spaces required by the IAC is 60, the estimated need when considering on-street spaces is 69, and the total ADA spaces provided throughout the downtown is 82.

The Transportation Team acknowledged that a conscious effort was made in the past to provide excess parking spaces in lots and fewer on-street. The lots are centrally located and allow for the full 16'-wide spaces for safer entry/exit than an on-street space can provide. A downtown ADA parking map is attached.

DISCUSSION:

Open discussion by the commission to consider the number of spaces provided and preferred locations is encouraged.



ADA Parking Spaces Available in Parking Facilities

- A. Municipal Center Parking Facility -- 8 Spaces
- B. Water Street Parking Facility -- 11 Spaces
- C. Central Parking Facility -- 12 Spaces
- D. Van Buren Parking Facility -- 15 Spaces



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City of Naperville
Downtown Naperville Public ADA Parking Locations

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Item #: C3, Version: 1

Meeting Date: 02/06/2019

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT:

Staff Report: Changes to the Illinois Accessibility Code regarding ADA parking space design and proposed City of Naperville approach.

ACTION REQUESTED:

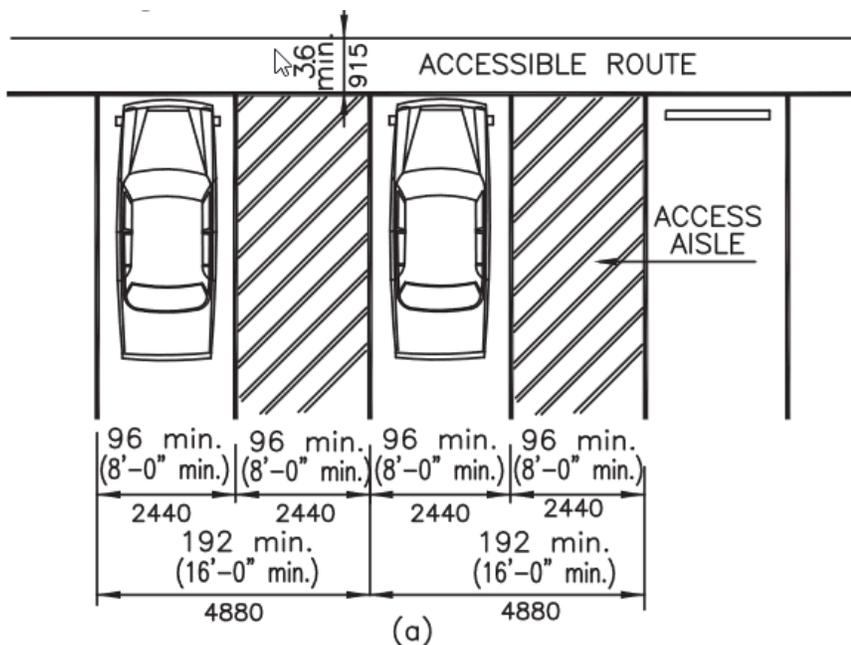
No Action Requested

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

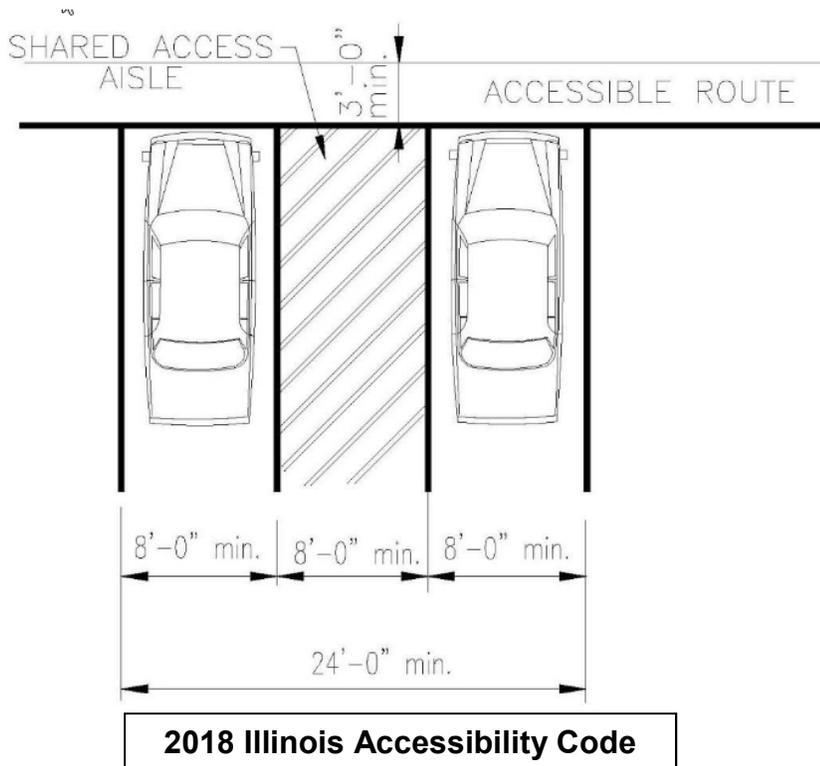
SUBMITTED BY: Peter Zibble, TED Operations Manager

BACKGROUND:

In October of 2018, the State of Illinois Capital Development Board announced the release of an updated version of the Illinois Accessibility Code. One change from the previous version is that two adjacent ADA parking spaces may now share a common access aisle. Previously, each space was required to provide its own access aisle. This revision only applies to 90-degree parking stalls and does not include diagonal, or angled, parking stalls.



1997 Illinois Accessibility Code



DISCUSSION:

The proposed revision is more consistent with the United States Access Board requirements for van accessible ADA spaces which allow for a shared aisle. The new requirement reduces the amount of paved area allowing a parking lot to occupy less space or to provide more total parking spaces in the same footprint.

The city engineering staff has reviewed this change and believes that the 1997 requirement is preferable. Requiring each space to have its own aisle allows more flexibility for users to park anywhere within the sixteen-foot-wide space which allows users easier access to both sides of the vehicle. The city currently has an approved local standard design detail showing this configuration which it intends to continue to enforce. However, if a developer can show a hardship based on site constraints, staff will consider an administrative variance to our city standards to allow for a shared aisle.



Item #: C4, Version: 1

Meeting Date: 02/06/2019

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT:

Staff Report: Granicus Legistar, public meeting management software being implemented by the city.

ACTION REQUESTED:

No Action Requested

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Peter Zibble, TED Operations Manager

BACKGROUND:

For many years, the City of Naperville has been using a software package called Legistar to manage all of the documents related to the City Council and most of the advisory boards and commissions. The advantage to city staff is that documents, agendas, and meeting minutes can be tracked, shared and approved seamlessly throughout the city. The advantage of this software for the public is that it puts all of this information in one central, searchable location for viewing on the city website. For meetings with video recording, it also tracks and stores videos of public meetings. The software helps the city in its goal of becoming more transparent and accessible to the community and maintains a searchable archive of past meetings.

One of the last boards/committees to be added to Legistar is the Advisory Commission on Disabilities. There were some concerns that the software was not compatible with common screen readers. However, over the past couple of years the manufacturer, Granicus, has made many improvements to the software. They confirmed that the software is compatible with screen readers they have tested and that they have added alt text for any images.

DISCUSSION:

Staff would ask that any individuals with screen readers at home or work attempt to navigate the information on Legistar to see if there are any limitations. If the software proves to be compatible with most readers, it is the intention of staff to begin using the software later this year for future ACD meetings.