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City of Boise ADA/Section 504 2006 Annual Report



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The following is a summary of Citywide ADA/504 activity from January-December 2006.

Airport

Department Coordinator: Matt Petaja

Facility was compliant with ADA regulations; however, request for additional curb cuts beyond that which are required was received and accommodated. Additional curb cuts were installed on upper roadway. Also, new parking access control equipment (“ticket spitters”) was installed. Since, there are no applicable ADA regulations on parking equipment installation height, alternative accommodations have been provided using proximity card readers and/or an intercom that can request assistance. Additional accessible parking stalls for employee parking lot were painted, and several accommodations for employees were coordinated with assistance from Human Resources and Safety.

Arts Commission

Coordinator: Tamara Cameron

No ADA/504 activity to report, and no structural issues pending.

Finance and Administration Services

Department Coordinator: Terry Lema

Twelve new, accessible on-street parking spaces were installed in the Boise downtown corridor.

Fire

Department Coordinator: Sandy Records

The restroom in Fire Station 4 was remodeled for accessibility. At Old Station 2, an accessibility ramp was added at the entrance (part-time use as a voting site).

Human Resources

Department Coordinator: Sarah Martin

Several City employees were accommodated in order to perform their jobs.

Information Technology

Department Coordinator: Greg Whyte

No ADA/504 activity to report, and no structural issues pending.



Legal

Department Coordinator: Mary Watson

No ADA/504 activity to report, and no structural issues pending.

Library

Department Coordinator: Denise McNeley

Visual impairment strips were installed on stairs at main library (2nd to 3rd floor). Braille documents were requested and accommodated. Request are frequently made and accommodated for sign language interpretation, phone relay services, assistance with audio books, and foreign language interpretation.

Mayor's Office

Coordinator: Kris Haustveit

No ADA/504 activity to report, and no structural issues pending.

Parks and Recreation

Department Coordinator: Emily Kovarik

Two additional wheelchair accessible parking spaces were painted in the parking lot at Fort Boise Community Center. Curb cuts were installed in Ann Morrison Park by the softball fields, as requested by a citizen. A sign language interpreter was provided for two public meetings (upon request).

Two ADA floating docks and ramps were installed at Quinn's pond (near Pleasanton Street). These docks were funded by a Neighborhood Investment Grant, with totals costs estimated at \$40,000. Restrooms at Williams Park were remodeled with new fixtures (\$11,000). An ADA raft was installed to the baseball diamond at Ann Morrison Park by the #2 bleacher (\$1500).

Boise Parks and Recreation continues to receive requests, and provides accommodations for inclusion into a wide-ranging spectrum of activities. The Recreation Accessibility Coordinator works with participants to provide the necessary assistance (Examples include adapted equipment and one-on-one assistance).

Planning and Development Services

Department Coordinator: Jenifer Gilliland

Several PDS employees requested and received workstation accommodations. Planning received two requests that a wheel chair be provided for a public hearing.

The City's Housing and Community Development Division received several requests from the public. Three individuals requested an accessible feature for their housing unit (grab bars, etc.). One applicant requested an accessible unit, and twelve tenants



requested various other reasonable accommodations, including a full-sized sink, unit transfers, and companion animals.

The following items have been addressed by the Housing and Community Development Division according to the terms of the Voluntary Compliance Agreement signed between the City of Boise and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

HCD Offices/Units at 1025 S. Capitol Street

- 1) Reduce the opening force of the inner entrance door to the main office to no more than 8.5 pounds in accordance with UFAS 4.13.11(2). **Status: Complete/Entrance door now has automatic opener**
- 2) Reduce the opening force of the door to the Cedars Conference Room to no more than 5 pounds in accordance with UFAS 4.13.11(2). **Status: Complete**
- 3) Replace the hardware on the door to the Cedars Conference Room with push/pull hardware in accordance with UFAS 4.13.9. **Status: Complete**
- 4) Reduce the opening force of the door to the men's restroom in the community center to no more than 5 pounds in accordance with UFAS 4.13.11(2). **Status: Complete (needs to be checked every 6 months)**
- 5) Provide at least one front-loading washing machine in the laundry room in accordance with UFAS 4.34.7.2. **Status: Complete**
- 6) Replace the threshold at the door to the laundry room with a beveled threshold that is no more than ½" high in accordance with UFAS 4.13.8. **Status: Complete**
- 7) Replace the hardware on the door to the laundry room with push/pull hardware in accordance with UFAS 4.13.9. **Status: Complete**
- 8) Replace the hardware on the door to the public men's restroom with push/pull hardware in accordance with UFAS 4.13.9. **Status: Complete**
- 9) Lower soap dispensers in the men and women's restrooms in accordance with UFAS 4.27.3. **Status: Complete**
- 10) Provide vertical signage for parking spaces for disabled tenants in accordance with UFAS 4.6.4. **Status: Complete**

SRO Units at 1028 S. Lusk

- 1) Provide vertical signage for the parking space for disabled tenants in accordance with UFAS 4.6.4. **Done!**
- 2) Provide an accessible route from the parking space for disabled tenants to the building in accordance with UFAS 4.6.2. **Status: Done**



- 3) Increase the size of the parking space for disabled tenants and the access aisle to the space in accordance with UFAS 4.6.3. **Status: Parking strip needs to be repainted adding 3”**

SRO Units at 2717 Vista

- 1) Lower the kitchen sinks in units 110 and 111 to no more than 34” high in accordance with UFAS 4.34.6.5(1). **Status: Complete**
- 2) Build counter spaces in the kitchens of units 110 and 111 that are at least 30” wide and no more than 34” high with a clear knee space at least 19” deep in accordance with UFAS 4.34.6.4(2). **Status: Complete**
- 3) Provide a door to the social worker meeting space that is at least 32” wide in accordance with UFAS 4.13.5 unless this alteration cannot be accomplished without removing a load-bearing structural member. **Status: N/A since space is no longer used for social worker**
- 4) Reduce the opening force of the door to the laundry room to no more than 5 pounds in accordance with UFAS 4.13.11(2). **Status: Unknown**

Apartment Units at 425 W. Jefferson

- 1) Provide a door to the rear entrance to the building that is at least 32” wide in accordance with UFAS 4.13.5. **Status: Done**
- 2) Replace the threshold to the door at the rear entrance to the building with a beveled threshold that is no more than ½” high in accordance with UFAS 4.13.8. **Status: Done**
- 3) Lower the mail drop box to no more than 48” high in accordance with UFAS 4.2.5. **Status: Done**
- 4) Provide bedroom doors and bathroom doors in units B-4 and 304 that are at least 32” wide in accordance with UFAS 4.13.5. **Status: Unit B-4 and Unit 204 Completed; Resident in Unit 304 will need to be temporarily relocated to finish modifications. (Question: If Resident in 304 is not HC, was there a provision in lease requiring that he/she move if unit required for reasonable accommodation request?)**
- 5) Lower kitchen sinks and kitchen countertops in units B-4 and 304 to no more than 34” in accordance with UFAS 4.34.6.5(1). **Status: B-4 and Unit 204 Completed; Resident in 304 will need to be temporarily relocated to finish modifications.**
- 6) Provide kitchen counter sections in units B-4 and 304 that are at least 30” wide, no more than 34” high with a clear knee space that is at least 19” deep in accordance with UFAS 4.34.6.4. **Status: B-4 and Unit 204 Completed; Resident in 304 will need to be temporarily relocated to finish modifications.**



Future actions for full compliance to be included in 3rd Amendment to 2005 Action Plan, scheduled for public hearing and City Council approval on or about November 15, 2006:

1025 Capitol Blvd – Currently, 1025 Capitol has no HC Units. This forty-nine (49) unit project requires minimum of 3 units to be accessible.

Proposal: Take 6 units and reduce to 3 units by combining, and making accessible; Total physical needs assessment of Capitol Blvd is being conducted in conjunction with HUD’s College of Experts consultant to determine financial feasibility of large scale rehabilitation and sustainability of project as affordable housing.

Determination: Staff inspection determined that renovation cannot be accomplished without removing a load-bearing structural (concrete) wall and reinforcement with steel beam. Also, one-for-one replacement of units would be required for those units lost to renovation. Staff recommends that these units be reconstituted along with the redevelopment of the Capitol Blvd campus – with a larger mix of 1-bedroom units that are fully handicap accessible.

1028 S. Lusk – Currently, the 2 units that are designated as accessible only have accessible features. This thirty-six (36) unit project requires that a minimum of 2 units be accessible.

Proposal: Option 1: Combine 4 units into 2 fully accessible units; Option 2: “Pop-out” Living area into grassy area, and convert part of current living area to fully HC accessible bathroom.

Determination: Staff inspection of units determined that expansion of bathrooms was not feasible due to structural barrier. Cost of substantial rehabilitation involved with either Options 1 or 2 need to be deferred until

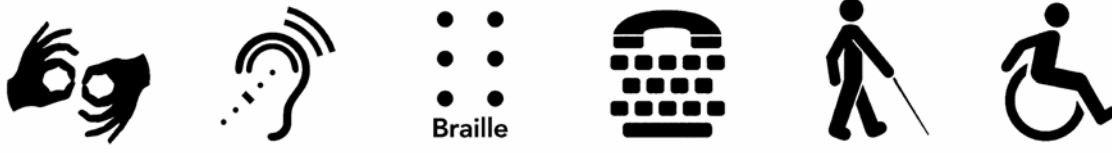
FUTURE ACTION: Additional 2 units in front (112 & 113) needs same modifications as 110 & 111. For future, 2 units in back of project should be targeted for conversion to accessible units for full Section 504 compliance (most integrated setting per Legal).

FUTURE ACTION: Additional: Inspect unit #104 and #204 (currently designated as accessible but not listed as VCA item) for full Section 504 compliance. Same modifications to Doors, Kitchen sinks and countertops will need to be accessed.

Police

Department Coordinator: Toni Smith

No ADA/504 activity to report, and no structural issues pending.



Public Works

Department Coordinator: Scott Canning

Three automatic door operators were added and completed in June 2006. Three restrooms in City Hall were upgraded for ADA compliance. All door closers throughout City hall have been adjusted or replaced to meet the 5lb pressure limit. Elevator control panels are also being upgraded and brought into compliance (will be completed 2007).

Stairs and ramps were rebuilt at the 3rd floor entrance from the parking garage to Building 1, as well as from the atrium into the Annex in front of Central Services. Handrails were either added or adjusted at both locations to meet requirements. Minor modifications were made in the restrooms on the 4th floor of Building 1, 3rd floor of Building 1, and 2nd floor of building 1. The drinking fountain in the elevator lobby of 4th floor Building 2 was lowered. The restrooms on the 1st floor of Building 1 and the Annex were remodeled to provide ADA accessible toilet stalls and urinal. These projects were all done as one major project completed in December 2006 at a total cost of \$55, 183.

A major renovation of the elevators in Building 2 was completed, which included bringing the cars and lobbies into ADA compliance. Also, the urinal in the men's restroom (Building 2, 4th floor) was lowered to meet ADA height requirement at a total cost of \$3, 288.74.