Date: Monday, June 6, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Mitchel Humble, Community Development Director

Request:

Consideration of a request to approve an accessibility compliance transition plan for the City's development services building located at 324 Hansen St. East.

Time Estimate:

Consent Agenda Item

Background:

Last spring, the City was awarded a Community Development Block Grant from the State to construct a public parking lot on Urban Renewal Agency property at the corner of Hansen St. South and 4th Ave. South. As always with state grants, the City was required to go through a process of reviewing City facilities for disabled accessibility compliance. We last went through this type of review in 2007 when the city received a grant to construct a water line to serve the Jayco Industrial Park. Since that review, the City acquired the development services building on Hansen St. The Hansen building does not currently meet all the accessibility requirements and needs some minor improvements

As part of the grant process, the City was required to put together a small committee to review the facility for compliance and come up with a plan to address those areas where improvements are needed. That committee has met and completed its review and the associate transition plan. The plan is attached for your review. As you can see, the Hansen building needs a ramp, an accessible parking space, new door hardware, some signs, and other minor improvements.

Staff anticipated these improvements would be needed and included funding in the current budget to complete the improvements. The approval of the transition plan is needed to submit with all the rest of the paper work necessary to finalize the grant process. Just as important, though, is the completion of the improvements making the Hansen building compliant with accessibility standards.

Approval Process:

A majority vote from the Council is needed to approve the plan.

Budget Impact:

The FY2011 capital budget includes $15,000 for ADA compliance improvements to the Hansen building. Staff expects to complete the necessary improvements on the transition plan within the approved budget.

Regulatory Impact:

Approval of the transition plan will allow the downtown parking lot grant project to be completed. Implementation of the transition plan will bring the Hansen building into ADA compliance.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends that the Council approve the attached accessibility compliance transition plan for the Hansen building.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Transition Plan

TRANSITION PLAN

CITY/COUNTY : City of Twin Falls

DATE COMPLETED: 5/16/2011

DATES REVIEWED: update 2004; 2008; & 2011

FACILITY	MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED	ESTIMATED COST	COMPLETION DATE
City of Twin Falls Development Services Building 324 Hansen St. East	**1. <u>Parking/Access</u>** ▪ Designate & stripe accessible space(s) ▪ Put in parking space sign for "Van Accessible" - enough height so they are not obstructed by cars. ▪ Need signage to identify where accessible parking is ▪ Ramp & handrail needed to main front entry ▪ Repair/replace existing handrail on SW side of main entrance/exit	$14,000	Sept. 30, 2011
	2. <u>Inside</u> ▪ Change door knobs to lever style ▪ Restrooms need signage (tactile) ▪ Accessible stalls in restrooms need grab bars ▪ Accessible stalls need closures operable with a closed fist	$1,000	Sept. 30, 2011

The City will consult with the Committee and periodically review facilities in the future to be certain that accessibility is maintained.

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Date of Council Approval Don Hall, Mayor, City of Twin Falls