



April 30, 2025

ACTF representatives on the City's 2024 International Residential Code Adoption Team attended the Team meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to discuss the implementation of visitability into the City's building code. We also attended the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Building Review Board meeting and presented information about visitability. However and currently, staff will **not** be recommending to the Building Review Board to incorporate visitability into Naperville's Residential Building Code. Thank you to Councilwoman Longenbaugh for bringing up visitability with the developer of Charleston Place, a single-family homes project geared towards seniors aged 55 and up that will not be incorporating zero-step entrances into their homes' designs.

The ACTF attended the City's Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> to follow-up on the NCC OT students' presentation at the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Riverwalk, Design and Construction Committee meeting.

The ACTF submitted a written comment of support of proclaiming April 2025 Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Naperville at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting. At the April 9<sup>th</sup> ACTF meeting, we discussed that Little Friends collaborated with the City of Warrenville over the past year to achieve the designation as an "Autism Friendly City." We would like to explore this option for Naperville.

**Question: Can the ACD work with the ACTF to explore this process?**

Also at this Council meeting, the Council voted to eliminate the 2025 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program Property Owner's Cost Sharing Program.

**Question: Is there a possibility that fewer sidewalks will be repaired, impacting accessibility for persons who use mobility devices?**

At the April 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the Council approved the ordinances required for the Tower Court Residences project to proceed.

On March 6<sup>th</sup> ACTF representatives participated with NCC OT students' accessibility audits of Nichols Library and the Naperville Metra Train Station. (reports attached) We are continuing to work on issues with the Metra Train Station doors.

The Naperville Public Library's new website update <https://www.naperville-lib.org/> now includes an accessibility tool.



ACTF representatives attended the Naperville Park District's ADA Transition Plan Open House on April 8th and those who couldn't attend also participated in the NPD's online survey.

At the last ACD meeting, we brought up the question about the Naperville **Park** Police Department being in compliance with Illinois state law that requires police to take specialized training to learn to interact with people with autism.

**Question: Can the ACD verify that the Naperville Park Police Department is in compliance?**

The Eagle Street Gateway Project construction has begun. As one of the reasons for the project was to remove the last remaining accessibility barrier on the Riverwalk, it was disappointing that the ACD was not at the groundbreaking ceremony.

**Question: At the project completion ceremony, can the ACD be invited to participate?**

The ACTF assists with updates to the City's Services and Resources for Persons with Disabilities webpage, <https://www.naperville.il.us/services/accessibility-resources/>. We reviewed the websites of the Townships that encompass Naperville and found that many do not include information for persons with disabilities. (report attached)

**Question: How should we proceed with working with the Townships to have them include this information on their websites?**

At the May 6<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the ACTF participated the Student Recognition Awards ceremony.

The Annual Riverwalk Asset Management Plan Walks will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**Question: Is a ACD member available to attend the May 15<sup>th</sup> Walk?**

Finally, the ACTF has been in contact with organization GiGi's Playhouse about having a book signing event with the namesake and Chief Inspiration Officer GiGi Gianni and a local bookstore featuring her new book Harry Moon: GiGi's Journey <https://gigisplayhouse.org/harrymoon/>