



TOWN OF YEMASSEE SECTION 504 COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, July 28, 2022 - 1:00PM

Yemassee Community Center, 10 Mixon St, Yemassee, SC 29945

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Public Comments**
- IV. Old Business**
 - a. Approval of the July 21, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes
- V. New Business**
 - a. Review findings from the Committees tour and assessment of Town properties and rank items in order of importance in preparation for presentation to Town Council
 - b. Discussion of potential grant project at Harold Peoples Athletic Park, 29240 Pocotaligo Rd in Hampton County.
 - c. Discussion of potential grant project at the Marine Corps Mural Park, 16 Wall St in Beaufort County.
- VI. Adjournment**

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Town of Yemassee
Section 504 Committee Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2022 / 9:00AM
Yemassee Community Center, 10 Mixon St, Yemassee, SC 29945

Present: Matthew Garnes, Stephen Henson, and Robert Steif

Absent: Brenetta Solomon, Verlynda Singleton

Staff Present: Caroline Koger

Media Present: None

Call to Order:

The Section 504 Committee meeting was called to order at 9:07AM by Matthew Garnes

Determination of Quorum:

Present Committee members were Mr. Garnes, Mr. Henson, and Mr. Steif. Committee members Ms. Solomon and Mr. Singleton were absent.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Mr. Garnes presented the meeting minutes from the July 14, 2022, Section 504 Committee meeting and asked if there were any comments. Mr. Steif indicated his name is misspelled in the draft minutes. The corrections will be made. Mr. Steif made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Second by Mr. Henson. All in favor.

New Business:

Mr. Garnes, Mr. Henson, and Mr. Steif inspected and evaluated town properties. Below is a list of the properties and facilities toured, inspected, and evaluated:

- Moore's Park (100 Salkehatchie Road)
- Train Station (15 Wall Street)
- Harold Peebles Ballfield (29240 Pocotaligo Rd)
- Yemassee Community Center (10 Mixon St)
- Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms (101 Town Cir)
- Yemassee Municipal Complex (101 Town Cir)
- Police Substation (7 Railroad Ave N)
- Willis Street Basketball Court (5 Willis Street S)

The 2019 list of detailed findings was updated. The committee will rank needs at its next meeting. The recommendations will be made to Town Council. A decision to meet again was discussed. The next meeting will be next Thursday, July 28, 2022, at the Community Center, 10 Mixon St, Yemassee, SC at 1:00PM.

Adjournment:

Mr. Garnes asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:13 AM. Motion by Mr. Henson, Second by Mr. Steif. All in favor.

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Town of Yemassee
Update List of ADA Compliance Issues
Town Owned Property
Inspection Completed 07-21-22

Location	Issue	Status
Moore's Park	Enough handicap spaces exist, but not setup correctly. Consider adding a separate handicap space on level ground. Proper loading zone needed and must be "Van Accessible".	Not Completed
Moore's Park	Add handicap signs and placards to parking spaces.	Not Completed
Moore's Park	Consider adding "one way" sign to parking lot.	Not Completed
Moore's Park	There are currently no concrete or solid walks or routes. Add paved walkway from handicap spot to pavilion and restrooms. Ensure adequate width and passing room if needed based on length.	Not Completed
Moore's Park	Doors at restrooms lack proper ADA hardware.	Not Completed
Moore's Park	Door is not outward swinging	Not Completed
Moore's Park	Restrooms do not have enough grab bars, must add proper grab bars with appropriate spacing.	Not Completed
Moore's Park	Signage existing does not have braille. There is no signage outside of the restrooms.	Not Completed
Moore's Park	Sink in the north bathroom needs to be completely replaced. Consider making the north restroom the handicapped accessible restroom as only one needs to be ADA compliant.	Not Completed
Moore's Park	Add marked crosswalk from Salkehatchie sidewalk to park.	Not Completed
Moore's Park	Drop off at back of concrete for the bathroom complex too much. Consider adding a wood wall.	Not Completed
Moore's Park	Need 3 receptacle covers, 1 light switch cover and a light repaired at the pavilion	Maintenance
Moore's Park	The light between the restrooms is not working and needs to be repaired	Maintenance
Train Station	Need to inform Amtrak the Braille on the Yemassee sign on the loading area has been filed off and needs repairing	Maintenance
Train Station	Lacks proper handicap van loading zone area and a proper sign.	Not Completed
Train Station	Considered converting the three (3) current handicap parking spaces to two (2) van handicap spaces with the unloading zone in the middle	Not Completed
Train Station	Need to repaint handicapped signage on the ground with blue paint	Not Completed
Train Station	Yellow strip and rumble stripping needed near pedestrian crossing near building	Not Completed
Train Station	Add signs indicating pedestrian crosswalk on the road.	Added
Train Station	Need a "no parking" sign on the road	Maintenance
Train Station	Need a rumble strip the length of the loading/unloading area on the rails	Added
Train Station	Need a quote for the striping on asphalt for handicap and crossing area	Maintenance

Train Station	Add marked crosswalk with signs from parking lot to train station.	Not Completed
Train Station	Entrance door possibly requires <5lbs of force.	
Train Station	ADA compliant bathroom was locked. Bathroom must be accessible during business hours.	Completed
Train Station	Door handles to bathrooms need to be replaced	Not Completed
Train Station	Signs with Braille needed for bathroom	Not Completed
Train Station	Only one restroom easily converted to ADA compliance. Toilet is too close to the sink and grab bar is too far away from toilet	Not Completed
Peeples Ballfield	1 to 2 paved an handicapped parking spaces needed	Not Completed
Peeples Ballfield	Paved walkway needed leading to each bleacher, the ADA bathroom, and the concession stand	Not Completed
Peeples Ballfield	Restrooms non-compliant. Consider constructing new handicapped accessible restroom	Not Completed
Peeples Ballfield	Height of concession stand counter too high. Consider grading walkway to a good height when constructing walkways	Added
Community Center	Building elevation to deck is not correct. Consider adding a small ramp to make the building wheelchair accessible.	Completed
Community Center	Existing ramp on deck is not at the adequate slope	Completed
Community Center	After completion of ramp and deck improvements, a small lip still exists at the ground. This needs to be improved	Added
Community Center	Restrooms are not ADA compliant. Decisions need to made whether to renovate the restrooms or make the town Hall Ballfield restrooms accessible	Not Completed
Community Center	Exit signs are not illuminated and one exit sign is above a door that is not longer intended as a means of egress.	Not Completed
Community Center	Paved van handicapped parking is needed. Possibly incorporating the paving with the improvement of the lip entering the ramp to enter/exit building	Not Completed
Community Center	Entry/Exit door is wide enough. Consider removing the double door, though, so a gutter can be added to keep the rain from ruining the doors	Added
Community Center	Door handle to kitchen needs to be changed to ADA compliance	Added
Community Center	Consider removing storage closet	Maintenance
Community Center	Need signage inside and outside needed. Make sure the signs are mounted at the proper location and include Braille	Not Completed
Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms	Grab bars needed in both men and women's room	Not Completed
Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms	Proper hardware on sink needs to be added to make it operational for handicapped persons.	Completed
Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms	Signage on outside is missing.	Completed
Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms	Determine if outside signage is mounted at the proper location and height	Added
Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms	Signage on inside is missing. Make sure it is mounted properly and includes Braille	Added
Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms	Doors at restrooms lack proper ADA hardware.	Completed

Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms	Check water to building. Water is not on at the moment. Check electrical for building as well.	Completed
Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms	Consider adding access point via a paved path from the Municipal Complex to the restroom building for handicapped accessibility.	Not Completed
Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms	The concrete pad is cracked and needs to be repaired	Maintenance
Municipal Complex	Parking lot does not have adequate spacing for van accessible handicapped spot. Consider taking another regular space or check to see if the loading/unloading area can share the same space as the access to the building	Not Completed
Municipal Complex	Inside signage. Make sure all doors have signs with Braille and mounted on the wall next to the door handles	Not Completed
Municipal Complex	Consider making men's restroom in the front a unisex restroom with a lock. Removing one toilet and making it a single use would alleviate a plethora of issues that are plaguing the restrooms and be much more cost effective to bring up to standards. Once security updates are finished at Town Hall, the current women's room would likely be inaccessible to the public which makes that scenario desirable. Grab bars need proper spacing. Mirror is too high. Mount for paper towels is on the wrong side in current men's room.	Completed
Municipal Complex	The mirror still needs to be moved in the Lobby restroom.	Not Completed
Municipal Complex	Sink handles need to be properly connected	Maintenance
Municipal Complex	Remaining offices in the Town Hall do not have braille signage or room numbers on them. Check feasibility of this.	Not Completed
Municipal Complex	Water fountain lacks proper knee clearance. Consider removing bottom shroud which may have enough clearance.	Completed
Municipal Complex	A cup dispenser should be added to the new water cooler.	Added
Police Annex	Door unsecure	Maintenance
Police Annex	Parking lot is at an inadequate slope and handicapped spot is not at an appropriate grade and is not van accessible.	Completed
Police Annex	Does the handicap parking space need to be van accessible?	Added
Police Annex	If the main entrance is the conference room, the door needs to be right hand swing. If the main entrance is the lobby area, a ramp must be installed at the door's threshold.	Not Completed
Police Annex	Two horizontal grab bars are required in restroom	Not Completed
Police Annex	No braille signage on doors	Not Completed
Police Annex	Move the small table near door in restroom	Not Completed
Police Annex	If the main entrance is into the conference room, the restroom door needs to be changed to a right swing.	Not Completed
Police Annex	Does the building and parking need to meet ADA standards. Consider whether other accommodations could be made so we do not need to get in compliance.	Added
Willis Street Ball Court	No paved parking. Need van-accessible handicapped spot with paved walkway to basketball court and restroom	Completed

Town of Yemassee
Section 504 Committee

Current Conditions as documented July 21, 2022

Willis Street Basketball Court
5 Willis Street South, Hampton County



Park received an overhaul in 2021 because of a PARD grant from SC PRT in the amount of \$25,000.00. The Basketball Court was resurfaced, a sidewalk poured from the new parking area to the court and further on to the restroom. Only recommendation is the addition of a handicapped viewing area on the side of the Basketball Court, which could be a small concrete slab where individuals in wheelchairs could observe.



**Yemassee Police Department Downtown Annex
7 Railroad Ave N, Hampton County**



Parking lot is not at even grade. Significant work needed to address the lack of a level surface for handicapped individuals.



**Harold Peeples Athletic Park
29240 Pocotaligo Rd, Hampton County**



Park lacks any impervious surface for parking of vehicles to support offloading a wheelchair or similar accessibility device. Additionally, a sidewalk should be considered from the parking area to the concession stand, restroom area and viewing locations.



A concrete viewing area could be created near the existing bleachers on each side.



Both the "Home" and "Away" viewing areas need an impervious surface for handicapped viewing.



The current counter height of the Concession Stand is too high for a handicapped individual to receive service.

**Yemassee Amtrak Station
15 Wall St, Hampton County**



Passenger waiting areas outside lack the required rumble strips which alert a vision impaired individual that they are leaving a sidewalk.



The strip should run the length of the platform. Consider reviewing the setup of platforms operated by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in the New York tri-state area.



Braille signage has been filed down and needs to be replaced.



Parking lot requires re-stripping



Parking area needs re-striping and the addition of a handicapped parking spot that is specifically van accessible.



Passenger Waiting area



The train station currently has two unisex restrooms. One is compliant with ADA requirements while the other (pictured here) would need additional work to become in compliance.