

ITF Report from KokHeong McNaughton (from March 25th to April 16th)

- **3/25/25 Kinnikinnik Park ADA Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.** I attended this ceremony and walked the 0.5 mi loop through the lens of accessibility. The project took 5 years to complete. It was funded with matching grant from the NM Outdoor Recreation Division. Tons of fine gravels, total weight equivalence to two Boeing 747 jets, were trucked in to surface the trail. I spoke to several people who have mobility issues and they were able to navigate the trail. One vision-impaired participant with a seeing dog told me that the dog was uncomfortable because the small gravels got stuck in his paws. This trail is another great asset for the community.
- **4/2/25 Accessibility Working Group Zoom Meeting.** Ten of us met on Zoom. We have 14 members in the group, representing a large section of the community, including and advocating for: Canines and Canes, One Individual First, Senior Center, Library, Open Space, Hearing Impaired, UNM-LA, wheelchair users and other mobility-impaired groups, as well as other inter-sectional disadvantaged groups. Those who were unable to attend were asked to write out their responses to our questions and send them to the group, as well as to view the recording of the meeting, which is set to private. Only working group members are able to access this video. We plan to continue meeting once a month on the 1st Wednesday from 6-7 PM. I invited group members to attend future ITF meetings via Zoom or in person as they are willing and able. Especially when we have presentations that are relevant to the group.
- **4/7/25 Library Board Meeting.** The meeting was held in the WR Branch Library. I zoomed in. Eva Jacobson and Elizabeth Rivera gave a presentation of this year's Summer Reading Program challenge for all ages that will run for 2 months, June through July. The theme is "Level Up @ Your Library". Participation in this program has been going up each year. There are alternatives and help for vision-impaired people to participate as well as for those who are home-bound. I applaud their program to be inclusive of patrons with special needs. The Board will not meet in May.
- **4/10/25 Parks and Rec Board Meeting.** There was a second public meeting of the proposed Ice Rink Shade Structures with several options from full covering to partial to retractable. The result of the first survey was shared – 73% of 575 responses was positive. The choice was narrowed down to one of two permanent full covering shade structures. There'll be a second survey after this meeting before the next public meeting on May 20th.