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Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 1:27 PM
To: Michelle Miller
Subject: Kohl's Minor Land Partition

Hi Michelle,

I just spoke to you concerning this issue. I'd like to add this to the consideration of the Kohl's land partition.

I'm highly disappointed with the shortsightedness of Sherwood's previous agency responsible for land use applications. It seems that they lacked the sight to see how ADA compliant sidewalks on commercial property affects people with disabilities (such as myself) and the elderly.

Enclosed are photographs I took inside the property that the Sherwood locations of McDonalds Restaurant and Kohl's is located on. When Kohl's came in, they added a disabled ramp to one side of this intersection, however, did nothing for the opposite side's sidewalk. Ideally, when McDonalds went through its renovation this could have been addressed, but it wasn't.

The lady below had to stop her ride with her granddaughter so she could get off the tricycle and lower it to the pavement, rather than risking a jarring experience going off the edge of the sidewalk. Tricycles are very heavy, and very wide. Had she not gotten off, the rear wheel dropping off the curved curbing would have caused the trike to roll to a degree that could have resulted in the rider toppling. Lifting the tricycle may be more than she could handle (especially if she had a load of shopping in her trike's basket). This may cause her to opt to ride in the lane of traffic. As there is no sidewalk on the opposite side of the street, she may have opted to ride against traffic. A person confined to a wheelchair, a power scooter, or other mobility device (Segways) would similarly be affected.

There's no indication that there's no ramp, and in lower lighting conditions, this could cause an accident when a person using a bicycle, a wheelchair, or power scooter suddenly falls because they didn't observe the missing ramp.

Let's get this issue fixed by making it a portion of the conditions to allow the project to go forward. I mean, really, the ADA has only been 24 years since the Law went into effect.





Sincerely

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