



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 16, 2023  
**TO:** Committee on Persons with Disabilities  
**FROM:** Ryan Adams, Committee Liaison  
**SUBJECT:** General Updates from City of Denton Staff

This memo provides information and updates from City staff relating to several issues and inquiries of interest to the Committee. The following is a listing and brief staff response to the matters brought forward.

- **Inclusive Playground (2023 Bond Program)** – On Nov. 7, City of Denton voters approved Proposition C – Park System. One of the projects identified for funding under this proposition is an inclusive playground. Previously, staff provided information on the Lily Cantu Inclusive Playground Project. City Council adopted the Parks, Recreation, and Trails System Master Plan on March 1, 2022, which prioritizes the development of an inclusive playground within the City. In light of this, the Librada "Lily" Cantu Playground - a current 2-5 & 5-12 playground at North Lakes Park has been identified as the ideal location for a brand-new destination all-inclusive park, which will attract visitors from across the region. More information on the inclusive park is [available online](#).
- **TDLR Seeks Volunteers to Serve on Three Advisory Boards and Committees** - The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) needs people with disabilities to serve on three of its 32 advisory boards. These members will provide a unique perspective to the boards by representing people directly affected by the industry in question. Most terms on the boards and committees last for six years, although some terms may be shorter because a seat has been vacated by a member who was unable to complete their term. Advisory board members are appointed by the chairman of the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation. There is no financial compensation for membership. The following boards and committees currently have vacancies:
  - Architectural Barriers Advisory Committee, 3-year term
  - Consumer with Disabilities
  - Elevator Advisory Board, 3-year term
  - Public Member/Disabled
  - Orthotists and Prosthetists Advisory Board, 6-Year term:
  - Public Member who uses Orthosis

See this page (<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/media/vacancies.htm>) for details on specific membership requirements and how to apply.

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- **Report on Grievances and Requests for Accommodations** – The City of Denton developed its ADA webpage ([www.cityofdenton.com/ada](http://www.cityofdenton.com/ada)) as a resource for persons with disabilities to request accommodations and file grievances through an established process. From Sept. 1, 2022, through March. 31, 2023, the following requests and grievances were submitted:

- Requests for Accommodation: 0
- Grievances Filed: 0

Staff requests that members of the Committee continue to assist in making sure the disability community are aware of this resource.

- **Next Committee Meeting** – TBD