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**Subject:** Commission comments  
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My name is Shyla Patera. I wish to comment on several of the disability items on the commission agenda tonight 06/15/21. We, at NCILS, had conducted inter-disciplinary walk audits or studies in our community in 2018- 19 in the hopes of providing assistance and data to Michaela Schultz who at the time was our ADA transition coordinator housed in public works. When we, NCILS, conducted an interdisciplinary walk audit of Lions Park, we could not assess the current disability bathroom as it was locked. However, we did study the non-compliant bathrooms and found that the radio and turning radius is provided little maneuvering space for people with disabilities to utilize and use these bathrooms independently and effectively. Signage and level entry ways need to be a valued part of any customer's experience! Grab bars in stalls, toilets, and urinals need to be precise as well. I am, and NCILS, is very happy that this project is happening. But now, I wonder also about Aim High Big Sky and the impact it will have on future Park and Recreation Special District Projects and Programs in regards to the accessibility needs and funding availability for projects in our parks and recreation facilities.

In regards to the Longfellow school ADA and neighborhood sidewalk projects, NCILS is very excited about the contract being awarded tonight. Anytime we can increase mobility and accessibility for all by completing ADA projects in continuous sidewalks, accessibility and mobility is enhanced. I am also hopeful that environmental and developmental concerns have been discussed with all of tonight's contract awardees.

Stuckey Road and its upcoming work project merits an honorable mention from me as it is hoped that the neighbors well as neighborhood will benefit from this project. I am hopeful that in future neighborhoods will also discuss ADA and accessibility sidewalks and needs along with roadwork scoping. Thank you for allowing me to comment on behalf of North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. on these valuable community projects and assets.

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See agenda item 2 comments for consideration at the June 15<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

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Good Morning Sidney – your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff, and so noted in the June 15<sup>th</sup> minutes under agenda item 2.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

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What really are the plans for the future?

People really don't seem to be paying attention.

Alot of people talk about the drug use, sure I can see it coming from the low income places. As for jobs, we need better jobs here that will ensure people an opportunity. I myself have trouble with finding a job, most places that have come to greatfalls are a hit and miss. Even being employed with local places, there's no guarantee that you will have a job tomorrow. As for the community, sure I see it as depressing. Every street corner is a broken down house, dead grass, dead trees, it's just gross. Hopefully we can get it fixed. As for a task force in the community, we really don't need one, if we fix the issues we have. broken down houses, no jobs, gross looking community...it's just an invitation for all the bad things to come to the community.

Thanks for your time,

Sidney P. Carlson