



AGENDA
ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 26, 2025
3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library: 1703 Orrington Ave.
First Floor Community Room / Zoom

(I) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Welcome guest speakers:

- Margaret Storey and Josie Heller, Evanston/Park School family leading the Prieto Day Program project

(II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

(IV) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Updates about previous inquiries/grievances:

- Farmers Market text description map
- Pedestrian crosswalks surrounding Evanston Hospital

New inquiries/grievances:

- Community center customer service/hidden disability awareness
- Enforcement of accessible parking spots near 730 Main
- Beach Mobi-mats and mat extensions
- Art Makers Outpost entrance

Training/education updates:

- Inclusion & Accessible Rec at Hill Arboretum: 6/10
- Advocacy Avenue at Prieto: July's theme - Disability Pride!

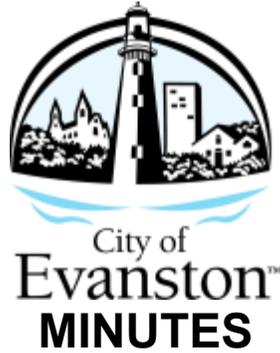
- Event ideas: July Pride Panel?

Other items:

- New ADA Advisory Committee meeting day/time poll
- Next meeting: to be determined based on poll results, communication to be sent by July 3

(V) COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

(VI) ADJOURNMENT



ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 22, 2025 @ 3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library/Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members present: Murphy Monroe, Litrea Hunter, Donna Stevens, Julia Pantoga, Jim Johnson, Matt Dinerstein, Aby Karottu, Ted Gram-Boarini

Guests: Ronnie McCarron, Fred Wittenberg, Carlos Hranicka, Dinah Berkeley, Tim Evans, Abaigeal O'Donnell, BJ Jones, John Kapetan, Trent Oatman

Staff: Lauren Ruiz (Inclusion & Accessibility Division Manager), Yazarri Gutierrez (Senior Services Coordinator), Kimberly Kull (Division Chief, Emergency Management, Fire Dept.)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 24 minutes were approved by the group.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A visitor wanted to share an idea for a support group for individuals with disabilities, details will be sent via email, please contact Manager Ruiz if interested

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Northlight Theatre Guest Speakers:

- (See attached handout provided by Northlight to view plans for accessibility in the design of the building and in operation of the theatre)
- Main entrance is at street level, accessible seating on this level and stage level (see diagram/description attached)
- Have been in conversation with City about adding accessible parking - side entrance off next door parking lot, bike lane interferes with potential drop off area
- A visitor emphasized the importance of having paper towels available for health and safety reasons
- Under construction right now, goal: finish building in May 2026, open: August 2026, productions: September 2026

Updates about previous inquiries and grievances:

- Dog beach punch pad: Director of Public Works met with grievance submitter and Manager Ruiz, communication will be provided with options for resolution

New inquiries and grievances:

- Sam's Club plants in accessible parking spot: resolved quickly with communication to manager
- Bus stop bench requests: Public Works continuing to explore future possibilities
- Lack of sidewalk access to Robert Crown: inquiry about lack of sidewalk access at Dewey and Darrow at southside of Lee St. This area is included in this year's alley and sidewalk improvement project, will be added late July-Sept.
- Guzman & Gomez patio entrance: patio entrance side door is not accessible. Communication continues with head of US restaurant operations
- Farmers Market accessibility: several items resolved, continuing to work on the Market map to create text description for individuals who are blind/have low vision

Training/education updates:

- Emergency Preparedness at Hill Arboretum: 5/6
- Coffee with the CARE Team at Prieto: 5/20
- Farmers Market Verbal Intervention Training
- Inclusion & Accessibility Services at Hill Arboretum: 6/3
- Inclusion Panel at Camp Directors' Training: 6/7

Other items:

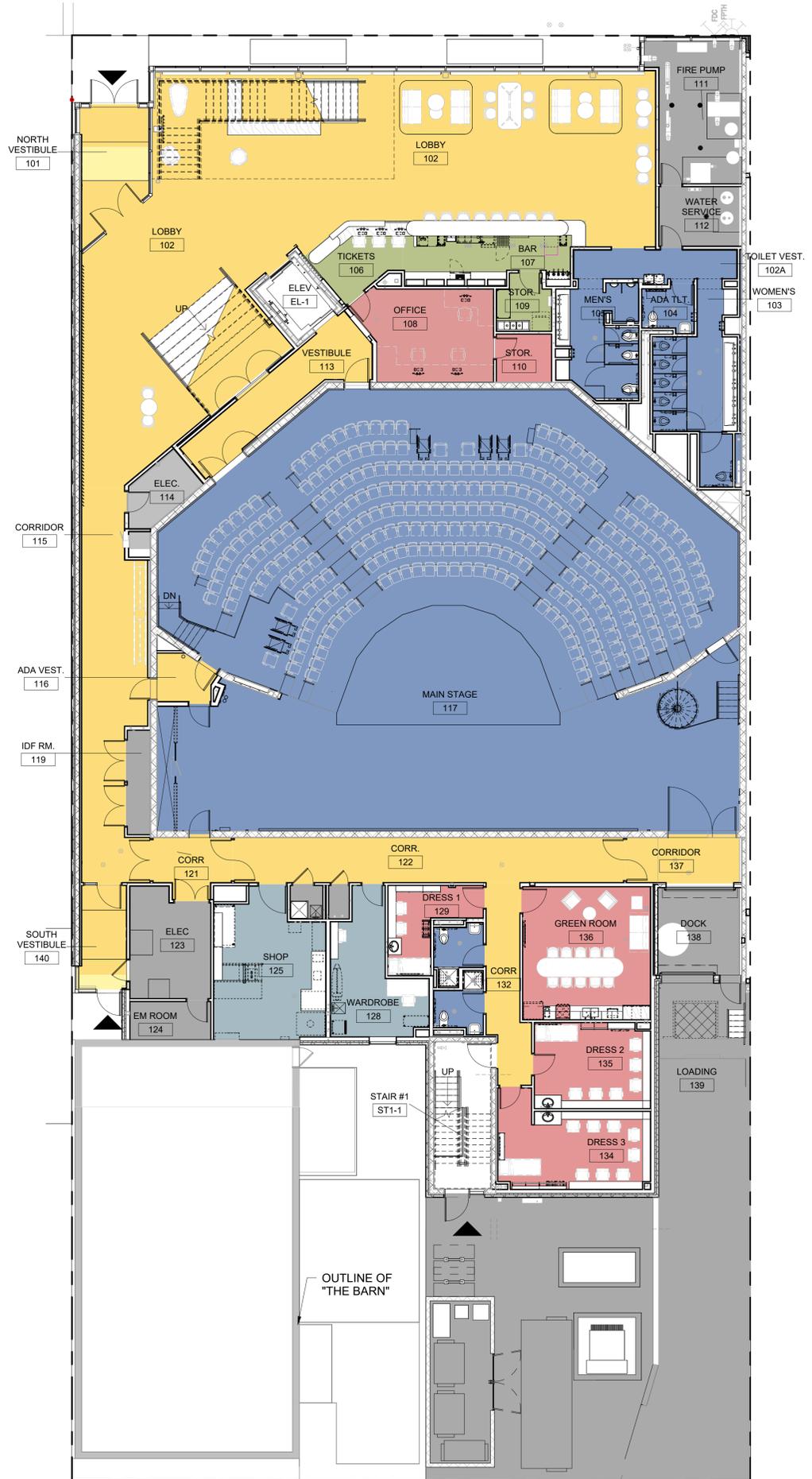
- Next meeting: Thursday, June 26 at Evanston Public Library

5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- A member commented about the City's decline to add a curb cut in front of AMC, requested further explanation about this. Manager Ruiz to gather this info from City staff.
- A member shared details about an upcoming rock show that he would be performing in later this week
- Last month's request for meeting location to be changed to 909 Davis is being discussed with City staff
- A member discussed having received requests for a new meeting day and/or time, Manager Ruiz will send out a poll to gather preferences

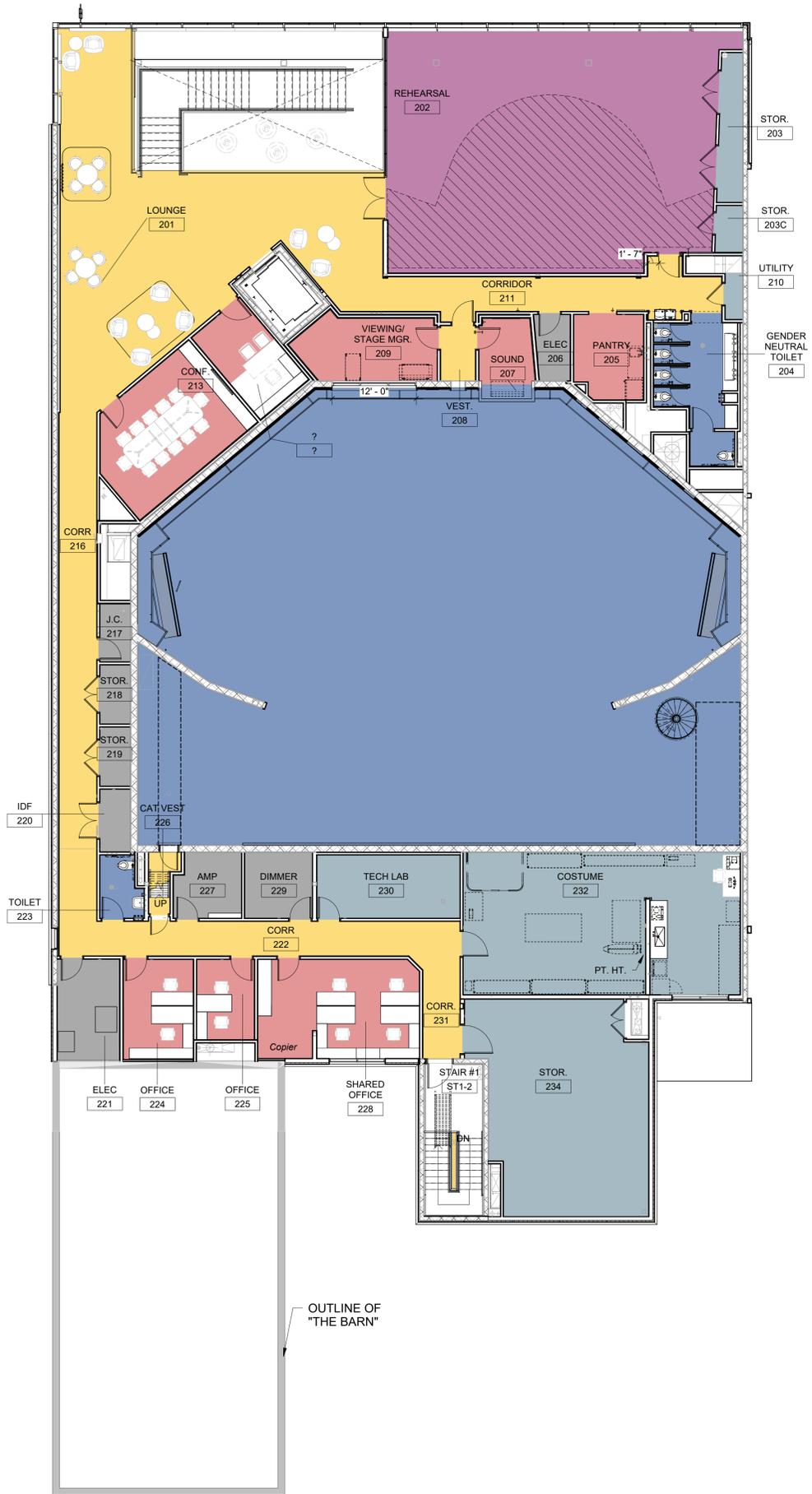
6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.



2 Level 1 Floor Plan
 1" = 10'-0"





1 Level 2 Floor Plan
1" = 10'-0"



Page 1, Level 1 of Northlight's new Theatre Building

The entrance to the lobby of the building is located in the Northwest corner of the building. There is a staircase to the left of the entrance immediately upon entering. Past that is the lobby which extends alongside the Northern part of the building, with windows to the North, ticket sales and bar located to the South, and beyond that on the right side is the men's multi-stall bathroom, one ADA non gendered single bathroom, and then the women's multi-stall bathrooms. There are water stations on the east side of the building directly outside of the bathroom vestibule.

Upon entering the building if you turn right, there is a corridor that extends along the west side of the building. Half way down that corridor on the left side is the ADA vestibule to access the theatre. There are two ADA seats in the third row of house right.

When entering the building, move straight through the lobby to enter the theatre entrance. There are 5 steps up into the theatre vestibule as well as an elevator to the left of those steps with access to the same theatre vestibule.

Once in the theatre vestibule, you can move right or left to access the theatre. From the left entrance into the theatre, there are 3 ADA seats in the back row of house center.

Behind the theatre on the south side of the building are the electric, prop and scene shop, wardrobe 3 dressing rooms a green room for actors as well as dock access.

Page 2, Level 2 of Northlight's new Theatre Building

The second level lounge is accessible via a staircase just to the left of the lobby entrance as well as via the elevator to the right of ticket sales on the first level. There is a large rehearsal room in the Northeast corner. The stage manager's booth is on the south side of the lounge facing the theatre. Down the corridor between the large rehearsal room and the stage manager's booth towards the eastern side of the building are 5 gender neutral stalls, one of which is ADA. From the lounge there is a corridor along the western side of the building that leads to storage, offices, costumes, electrical and tech lab.