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Driggs, ID 83422

September 18, 2024

Mayor August Christensen
Jay Mazalewski
City of Driggs
60 S Main
Driggs, ID 83422

Dear Mayor August and Jay,

I am writing to request that a designated handicapped parking spot be located at 445 N Main, owned by Magpie Properties, that can be used by handicapped citizens visiting the University of Idaho Extension, Teton County 4H.

Historically, clients of 4H have used the parking spot near the old access driveway to the parking lot of the old high school as a handicapped parking spot because it had a ramp up to the sidewalk. This spot was not officially designated but served the purpose. A basketball court was installed between 2010 and 2011 over an existing driveway and the remaining ramp served as a suitable ADA access to the sidewalk, resulting in a de facto handicapped parking spot during the two years that 4H and Extension have been in the building.

Teton School District 401 has indicated that 4H and Extension employees and clients can use the parking lot on the south side of the district building where two designated handicapped parking stalls are located close to the sidewalk that goes between the parking lot and the Extension building. However, these stalls are also available for use by parents at the Gambal House, nonprofits and their patrons, and anyone doing business at the district office. If those two stalls are being used when a handicapped 4H client needs a handicapped parking stall, they will not have one to use. With so many separate entities, two spots cannot serve everyone who may need access. 4H and Extension feel that a third designated parking spot on Main Street would be in the best interest of everyone.

Another concern about handicapped parking in the parking lot is the formation of winter ice. In the past, when snow on the parking lot and east end of the sidewalk between the parking lot and the Extension building melted, thick ice has formed across the entire east end of the sidewalk. To ensure safe travel to the 4H building, the County had to spend extra resources in time, labor, and equipment to clear the ice out.

In conclusion, please strongly consider putting in a designated handicapped stall in front of the Extension building to help the many Teton County citizens who visit Extension and 4H. Their safe access to the building is an important issue to the County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Suzanne Astle".

Suzanne Astle
Facilities Maintenance Supervisor