

TO: LIBRARY COMMISSION

FROM: GREGG ATKINS, DISTRICT LIBRARIAN

DATE: MARCH 12, 2010

RE: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CONTRACT TO
REPLACE NON-REPAIRABLE WHEELCHAIR LIFT

Two different firms have evaluated the existing wheelchair lift – which stopped working two weeks ago – and have declared that it is non-repairable. It also does not meet current code, and would not be “grandfathered in” if it could be repaired.

Therefore, the lift must be replaced, and as quickly as possible. After telephone conversations with various vendors, I have obtained a bid from a Vacaville firm for a new wheelchair lift from a reputable manufacturer. I believe the price to be within the range being quoted by other firms over the telephone.

The Library District must act extremely quickly to accomplish this replacement so as to not run afoul of provisions in the Americans with Disabilities Act. A written patron complaint has already been received. From point of approval, it will take 6-8 weeks to get a new lift ordered, shipped, installed and then certified by CalOSHA.

I recommend that the Library Commission approve the contract with Benchmark Home Elevator at a cost of \$12,667.00, and direct the District Librarian to sign a contract on behalf of the District.

Gregg Atkins

From: Brian Hofacre [brian@benchmarklift.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 07, 2010 1:32 PM
To: atkinsg@dixonlibrary.com
Subject: wheelchair lift replacement

Hi Gregg,

I have come up with a price of \$12,667.00 for the complete removal and installation of a new lift. This will include:

1) ThyssenKrupp Access PLS-50 Porchlift w/ battery screw operation.
Platform landing gate and upper landing gate with call/send in frame.
Automatic folding ramp
Lower call/send surface run in conduit to wall on left side of stairs.
Removal and disposal of existing G&T lift.
Main electrical disconnect by Benchmark Home Elevator Tax, labor and state inspection with Benchmark H. E. standby time.

Any other city or county permits will be the responsibility of the Dixon Public Library.

Again, from time of signed contract and deposit to installation of lift should be approximately 3-4 weeks. Once the installation is complete we will call for an inspection from the State DOSH and that could be anywhere from 1-3 weeks, depending on their schedule.

Please let me know if you would like to proceed and I can make up a contract for you.

Thanks,

Brian Hofacre
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Benchmark Home Elevator
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