Tempe

Commission on Disability Concerns
Meeting Minutes July 3, 2008

6:30 p.m.
Board Room
Tempe Public Library,
3500 So. Rural Road, Tempe AZ

(MEMBERS) Present:
Chair Janie Shelton, Co Vice-Chair Mason Murphy, Robert Kizere, Paul Bennewitz, Frank Emery, Aaron Edgell, Cyndi Newburn, Tom Ringhofer, Linda Bergevin

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Co Vice-Chair Darrell Shandrow, Matthew Jellison, Jacque Olsen, Nora Nuñez, José De La Torre,

Staff Present:
Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Guests present:
None

Meeting convened at 6:47 p.m., Chair Janie Shelton called the meeting to order.

Public Appearances:
None

1. The Commission on Disability Concerns proposes to ratify prior actions and information from June 5, 2008, per the Arizona Open Meeting Law, §38-431.02 Notice of Meetings. Quorum, 7:10 pm, moved by Commissioner Emery, seconded by Commissioner Bennewitz, unanimous vote to ratify prior actions and information from the June 5, 2008 meeting.

2. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 6/5/08 Commission minutes, moved, Cyndi Newburn, seconded Robert Kizere, unanimous approval; **7/01/08 Architectural Compliance Committee minutes**, moved, Robert Kizere, seconded, Paul Bennewitz, unanimous approval.

3. Election of Commission Officers for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

- Ballots handed out with instructions to vote for one candidate for the Commission Chair position and to vote for 2 of the 3 candidates for Co Vice-Chair.

- Candidates for Commission Chair for the next year are:
  Janie Shelton
  Mason Murphy
- Candidates for the 2 Commission Co-Vice Chairs for the next year are:
  Robert Kizere
  Nora Nuñez
  José De la Torre

Election Results: 2008-09 Commission Chair is Mason Murphy,
2008-09 Commission Co-Vice Chairs for 2008-09 are Robert Kizere and Nora Nuñez.
Election is based upon simple majority of votes in each category.

4. Tempe Rental Housing – Aaron Edgell

- No report

5. Architectural Compliance Committee- Tom Ringhofer

- Conversation related to several items in the July 1, 2008 Committee minutes, including:

  Whether these Committee meetings should be moved to second or third Tuesday, rather than first Tuesday, causing too many close meetings with the Commission meeting now on the first Thursday of each month. *Staff input that the Pyle Center has available the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays each month in the Tucson room. Tuesdays are bad for the Center because of a number of meetings on that day. Thursdays will provide much more flexibility for 6:00 pm. meetings. Committee can contact Pyle Center directly or give information to Staff for follow-up.*

  Commissioner Ringhofer is no longer able to Chair Committee meetings and wishes to step down. Commissioners Olsen and Jellison have apparently agreed to Co-Chair with no official action taken. Neither was available for update.

  Staff has contacted City of Tempe (COT) Communications Director to discuss October water bill insert with information regarding Disabilities Commission and related Committee work. Also about getting information into the January Water bill insert regarding nominations for the Mayor's Disability Awards nominations for the spring event 2009.

6. Dial-A-Ride Update – Darrell Shandrow

- No Report

7. Vial of Life Update – Staff

- Staff met with Tracy Scott, Director of Marketing for Tempe St. Luke's Hospital to wrap-up plans for printing and ordering of vials to complete this part of the project. Materials will be sent to printer the week of July 7 with DRAFT back the following week with final prices, etc. Ms. Scott says that the products should be back by first week of August for distribution.

8. Mayor's Awards Committee Update – Paul Bennewitz

- Short report that the committee will continue meeting throughout the year to better promote the event to the community and elicit more involvement by the business community throughout the year.

9. Report from the Child-Ability Committee – Linda Bergevin

- Commission was updated that the survey form for this project was shared with the City of Tempe Community Relations Director, Shelley Hearn, and her recommendations were accepted. Primarily, that the contact information that she forwarded through Staff for the 3 local School District Superintendents should be used carefully and in a cooperative spirit. Each District should designate a lead person to assist the Disability Commission in getting the survey form out to parents of all children with disabilities that have an IEP. This will make communication with parents easy, confidential, and cost effective since the survey can get to the child's home with other paperwork from the school. Parents can choose to participate, or not.

10. Parks and Recreation Committee Update – Frank Emery

- No Report. Staff shared 90 page information report with Commissioner Emery regarding proposed impact of the Department of Justice (DOJ) adoption of 2004 ADA standards.

Diversity/ADA Office Update

Staff Liaison Karl Stephens mentioned several items that were recently purchased by the City, including the updating of all City owned Zoom-text software that will make it available for some 100+ computers around the City. This is a computer magnification program that now also provides speech capabilities that is Windows compatible. Also, a scanner has been ordered for hard copy documents that can then be "read" on the computer. Also purchased was a small portable CCTV for use with a laptop computer. Device has magnification and speech capabilities, as well as several 150' "rolls" of white/red reflective "tape" used on semi trailers. This will be cut into small strips used as give away/promo materials at disability Fairs, expos, etc.

Topics for Future Meetings:

- Joe "Okie" O'Connor, City of Tempe Boating Program Coord., for the August 7, 2008 Commission meeting.
- Dawn Coomer, South Corridor Transit Study, scheduled for the September 4, 2008 meeting.
- SMARTCARD update from City of Scottsdale
- Rich Nolan, Past President of Commission

Meeting adjourned 8:16 p.m.

Prepared by: Karl Stephens

_____*Karl W. Stephens*_____
Staff Liaison, ADA Compliance Specialist