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## Commission on Disability Concerns Meeting Minutes October 1, 2009

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**Tempe Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room  
3500 S. Rural Rd.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Chair Robert Kizere, Co Vice-Chair Aaron Edgell, Co Vice-Chair José De la Torre, Liz Perez, Cyndi Newburn, Chelsea Chamberlain, Frank Emery, Kay Butler, Ed Mitchell, Kristoffer Kiefer, Martha Ashburn, Jacque Olsen (by conference call)

**(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification):**

Linda Kurth

**(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absence (no notification):**

Nora Nuñez

**Staff Present:**

Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

**Visitors present:**

None

Meeting officially called to order by Chair Robert Kizere at 6:32 p.m.

**Public Appearances:**

None

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 7/2/09 Draft Commission minutes; 6/18/09 & 7/16/09 Draft Architectural Compliance Committee minutes; 6/17/09 & 8/19/09 Awards Committee minutes. *Minutes were all accepted with no dissenting votes.*
2. Welcome to newly appointed Commission members able to attend their first meeting. Hopefully all new Commissioners will be able to attend this meeting, in addition to new members Kay Butler and Armando Faustini Jr. *Ms. Butler was welcomed to the Commission. Mr. Faustini was still not contacted directly. Mr. De la Torre gave updated telephone number for Mr. Faustini to staff for direct contact.*

3. Re-visit brainstorming of ideas - Projects that will inspire and challenge the Commission in the coming 12 months. Discussion will include any ideas about starting new committees, based upon new directions for the Commission. Facilitated by Mr. Ed Mitchell. *Review by Ed Mitchell re: the intent of the brainstorming session and discussion of brainstorming ideas and the ultimate priorities for potential new committees. Top 3 were 1.) **Fund Raising** (i.e. hold/partner w/ specific sports events), explore grant writing opportunities for special projects, i.e. Virginia Piper; partner w/ civic groups, TCC, Habitat for Humanity, etc. 2.) **Communication** (Disability education seminars/speakers, disability awareness training opportunities, disability expo. events) 3.) **Special Projects** (community access teams – special events taskforce, business parking lots, input into future transportation studies, become civic voice for accessible housing and increased employment opportunities. \*\* variety of brainstorming ideas including: New community partnerships; accessible medical facilities-should COT provide feedback to CIGNA re: need for employees/families need to have access to ADA accessible services or we will look elsewhere; partner w/ rec. orgs for access. boating, cycling, etc.; partners w/ A's and AZ Miracle league, U.S. Airways 'Do Crew' and KPMG for things like special events access teams; TIM, Valley Metro, Veolia Trans. for communication partners; tri-athelon events and fishing derbies; co-sponsor events w/ Scottsdale*
  
4. Architectural Compliance Committee Update – Next meeting – October 15, 2009 Discussion of additional focus for Committee re: Special events. José De la Torre – *Discussion of this item incorporated in previous discussion.*
  
5. Life Safety program updates – Staff report  
  
*Vigorous debate regarding the ongoing issue of the never ending Vial-of-Life program which has been on and off of the agenda for 2 years without resolution. Update from the staff was that Tempe St. Luke's Marketing Director Elizabeth Krecker has followed the lead of her predecessor and not followed through with seeing this project to completion. At this point, the City of Tempe has given the vendor "Americopy" \$2,604.01 for our share (2,500) of the Vials (Vial of Life) and we are awaiting Tempe St. Luke's Hospital completing their obligation to forward the updated graphics to Americopy so prototypes can be made, approved and for the final products to be manufactured and sent to each party. After much debate by the Commission, a final vote of 7 to 4 directed staff to inform the City Council by these minutes that unless Tempe St. Luke's Hospital resolves this issue in the next 60 days, that the City should have their money returned and curtail this project, in lieu of one of several community projects that are similar in nature.*
  
6. Update of the proposed changes to the City of Tempe Code- re: accessible parking fines and related language changes. Also update on other related activities – Meeting adjourned with no additional action on other issues
  
7. Commission on Disability Concerns – Consideration of member picture ID cards.

8. Discussion of October Disability Awareness Month activities.
9. Tempe Housing Concerns – Staff will attend monthly Council Housing Committee meetings on behalf of all Tempe residents with disabilities.
10. Emerging issues / projects – Staff: Special Events- Preliminary discussion of numbers of accessible portable toilets. Discussion of local emergency planning for people with disabilities. Renovation of City Hall, History Museum, and Public Library.

Diversity/ADA Office Updates: Staff

Topics for Future Meetings: Update-Proposed Changes for Dial-a-Ride, November 5, 2009

This informal session ended at 8:35 p.m.

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