

Commission on Disability Concerns

Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Tempe Library, 2nd Floor Board Room

3500 S. Rural Rd.

MINUTES

(MEMBERS) Present:

Chair Robert Kizere, Co Vice-Chair José De la Torre, Cyndi Newburn, Frank Emery, Ed Mitchell, Kristoffer Kiefer, Jacque Olsen, Linda Kurth, Armando Faustini Jr., Chelsea Chamberlain, Martha Ashburn

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification): Co Vice-Chair Aaron Edgell, Nora Nuñez, Liz Perez

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absence (no notification):

None

Staff Present:

Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Meeting officially called to order by Chair Robert Kizere at 6:34 p.m.

Public Appearances:

None

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1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 11/05/09 Draft Commission Minutes. Motion for approval Ed Mitchell, second José De la Torre; Unanimous approval.
2. New Committees: Discussion of new committee designations based upon results of June 2009 brainstorming session. New committee assignments given to everyone by Chair, based upon information received from members regarding their preferences.

Awareness Committee includes Education, Communication and Architectural Compliance. Chair is José De la Torre; members are Linda Kurth, Jacque Olsen, Cyndi Newburn, Martha Ashburn.

Partnership Committee is Chair is Ed Mitchell; members are Kris Kiefer, Aaron Edgell, Chelsea Chamberlain, Nora Nuñez.

Special Projects Committee includes Awards. Chair is Robert Kizere; members are Armando Faustini, Jr., Liz Perez, Frank Emery. Chair proposed that monthly committee meetings could occur prior to the monthly Commission meeting. Discussion involved when the committee meetings should

occur, with most in favor of a trial period to have the meetings each month just prior to the regular Commission meeting. Discussion included the amount of time needed and possible locations of meetings within the Library proper. One group can use the Board Room and Ed Mitchell volunteered the Partnership Committee to meet in the Connections Café. Several members want to begin the Committee meetings at 6:15 p.m., with several others stating that they cannot come any earlier than the 6:30 start time. Initial new committee meetings on January 7 are still slated for 6:15 p.m., at this time, perhaps with changes to come. Staff will try to confirm other locations in Library building for a 3rd committee meeting location. The intention is to have the committee meetings over by 7:10 and have the full Commission start at or about 7:15 (7:30) p.m. in the Board Room. After the official start of the Commission meeting, the hope is to have a report from each committee from the meeting that they just concluded. This could happen as a matter of course each month.

3. Architectural Compliance Committee Update – Next meeting – December 17, 2009, Discussion of additional information available for Commissioners re: the work of the Committee and information about the ADA and disability related materials. Chair noted excellent work that Ed Mitchell has accomplished with the accessibility issues at Fry's and Basha's food stores. This work has continued to include Mike Williams of the City of Tempe Development Services Dept. with some excellent progress in some areas.
4. Life Safety program updates – Vial of Life, Lockbox and Project Lifesaver. Staff reported progress with the soon to be completed Vial of Life with delivery of the vials expected on December 16 to the Tempe Fire dept. warehouse. Program materials are still in the making and will include info. on the Lockbox program as well. Project Lifesaver is still in development with the Tempe Police Dept. and Tempe Community Council as advocates.
5. 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. Some reminders about the progress of the Police Dept. work with their staff about the new regulations. This is a 'work in progress' with reported positive steps by the Police Dept. staff in accepting the new Code changes and the increased training for volunteers is very positive.
6. Awards Committee – Update on 2010 event and reminder about nominations. Staff with short promo. To remind Commissioners that they can get nomination forms from the TCC website and nominated individuals, organizations, and specific structures for their positive accessibility and assistance for people with disabilities in the community. Reminder that all nominations are due in by March 31st, 2010, with the event on April 29th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (most likely at Pyle Adult Center).
7. Discussion of 2010 ADA 20th Anniversary activities. Discussion that the 20th anniversary celebration will be July 26, 2010, but that a variety of smaller reminders of this important Civil Rights Movement will happen throughout 2010. Many would like to participate throughout the year. This also generated some discussion about more involvement in October Disability month activities in 2010, celebrating the many local contributors to this movement as well.
8. Tempe Housing Concerns – Staff will attend monthly Council Housing Committee meetings on behalf of all Tempe residents with disabilities. Staff reported that no new involvement has occurred at this point.
9. COT Building/Renovation projects - Renovation of City Hall, History Museum, &

Public Library. After some discussion, Kris Kiefer made the motion and Frank Emery seconded that Staff arrange a tour of the Library on an upcoming Commission night, ASAP, to tour the Library. Unanimous vote.

10. Emerging issues / projects – Staff: Special Events- Preliminary discussion of numbers of accessible portable toilets. Discussion of local emergency planning for people with disabilities. No new progress to report with City. Ed Mitchell made a suggestion to all Commissioner's that they consider dividing City into multiple areas with each Commissioner taking a specific area to look for accessibility concerns, i.e., lack of curb-cuts, broken pavement in streets or sidewalks, lack of accessible parking spaces, etc. Continued.
11. Diversity/ADA Office Updates: Staff -Reminder: City of Tempe ID cards. Staff reminder that ID cards are available and are being urged for all Boards and Commission members.
12. Topics for Future Meetings: Add new information regarding future topics. Dave Cutty presentation on TCH (Tempe Center for Habilitation); Tour of Disability Empowerment Center (DEC).

José De la Torre, motion to adjourn; Cyndi Newburn, second. Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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