

**Commission on Disability Concerns
Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 7:15 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, Linda Kurth, Armando Faustini Jr., Chelsea Chamberlain, Martha Ashburn, Nora Nuñez, Liz Perez

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification): Co Vice-Chair Aaron Edgell, Jacque Olsen

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absence (no notification):

None

Staff Present:

Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Meeting officially called to order by Chair Robert Kizere at 7:21 p.m.

Public Appearances:

None

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 12/03/09 Draft Commission Minutes, [moved/Kris Kiefer; second/Linda Kurth - unanimous](#)
10/21/09 Draft Awards Committee Minutes. [moved/Liz Perez; second/Linda Kurth - unanimous](#)
2. Accessible Parking Enforcement (ACE) presentation: Christine Kling, Volunteer Coordinator, and Lt. Kerby Rapp, Tempe Police Dept.
[Ms. Christine Kling, Tempe Police Dept. Volunteer Coordinator started the presentation re: all of the roles that the volunteers do for the department. At this time, in the 'Volunteers in Policing' program there are some 50+ volunteer positions in communications, crime prevention, internal affairs, records, recruiting, sex offender notification and training.](#)

[Some of the actual programs include Disaster Assistance, Bagpipe Band, Chaplain, K-9, Law Enforcement Spanish Interpreters, Motorist Services, Mounted Patrol, Patrol Fleet Volunteers, Photographer, Range Volunteers, Support Services, and Crime Analysis. Ms. Kling went in-depth about the duties of each type of position, giving everyone a good idea of what would be expected. There are also many opportunities to move around in the 'Volunteers in Policing' program, once a person has passed the mandatory back ground check, drug screening, and polygraph test. Many of the volunteers stay for many years and with the level of service cuts anticipated in the next budget, volunteers will become even more valuable.](#)

Lt. Kerby Rapp followed Ms. Kling. He is the Supervisor of the Traffic Enforcement Division, which he said will essentially be wiped out on July 1, 2010, when the new budget goes into effect. He also reinforced that since it takes quite a while for volunteers to get through the acceptance process, he hopes that residents will decide soon to participate, including the Commissioners. Several have expressed an interest in the Motorist Services program, which staffs the disabled parking and fire lane violations enforcement. Other volunteers in Motorist Services work in assisting with traffic control at special events. Lt. Rapp discussed aspects of the newly revised parking ordinance in Tempe and the positive effects that it has had on traffic enforcement morale, now that stricter standards re: disabled parking violations are in place.

Commissioner Ed Mitchell took several minutes at the end of the evening to show some slides re: accessibility concerns in several areas of the community. It is hoped that these periodic slide show presentations will help all of the Commissioners to better understand the accessibility issues that confront the residents with disabilities in Tempe.

Motion to adjourn/Cyndi Newburn, second/Kris Kiefer.
Chair Robert Kizere adjourned meeting at 8:40 p.m.

3. New Committees: Committee reports from initial meetings. Also staff report re: future meeting locations.
4. Architectural Compliance Committee Update – Need for future meetings?
5. Awards Committee – Need for future meetings?
6. Life Safety program updates – Vial of Life, Lockbox and Project Lifesaver
7. Discussion of 2010 ADA 20th Anniversary activities.
8. Tempe Housing Concerns – Staff will attend monthly Council Housing Committee meetings on behalf of all Tempe residents with disabilities.
9. COT Building/Renovation projects - Renovation of City Hall, History Museum, & Public Library.
10. Emerging issues / projects – Staff: Special Events- Preliminary discussion of numbers of accessible portable toilets. Discussion of local emergency planning for people with disabilities.
11. Diversity/ADA Office Updates: Staff -Reminder: City of Tempe ID cards.
12. Topics for Future Meetings: Tempe Library Tour; Disability Empowerment Center Tour; Dave Cutty, TCH presentation

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