

**Commission on Disability Concerns
Awareness Committee
Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.
Disability Empowerment Center
Nina Mason Pulliam Conference Center
5025 E. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85034
Minutes**

Members present: Jose De la Torre (chair), Linda Kurth, Martha Ashburn, Jacque Olsen, Dan Olsen

Members absent: Cyndi Newburn

Comments from the public: None

1. **Review of Mission Statement and Goals:** Jose opened the floor regarding the mission statement. There were no suggested changes. The mission of the awareness committee will remain to promote disability issue awareness and consideration for the City of Tempe. The goals of the committee will remain education, architectural compliance and communication.
2. **Awareness programs for schools:** Jose asked for ideas for communicating with Tempe schools. Martha Ashburn offered to approach her Mesa schools contacts to see if she can get the appropriate Tempe schools contacts. It was suggested that our committee form a “speaker’s bureau” consisting of committee members and commissioners with disabilities or experience with disability issues who would be willing to make presentations to school children. Personal stories and experiences would probably be more effective than a “canned” presentation. Jose, Linda and Jacque volunteered to be speakers. There was general discussion about Issues and subject matter for presentations.
3. **Enhancement/updating of City of Tempe web site:** Tempe’s web site is hard to navigate. The ADA page needs to be made easier to find and more accessible. It would be nice to provide links from our web page to critical ADA information. A simpler complaint/reporting box on our page would be nice. Jose will find out who the city’s webmaster is and how to get access for our committee to monitor and update our own page. Both Linda and Jacque reported great difficulty in accessing our web page.

4. Architectural Compliance will be a regular agenda item each month although it was inadvertently overlooked for this month's agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Next meeting will be on Thursday, March 4, 2010.