

**Commission on Disability Concerns  
Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 7:15 p.m.**

**Disability Empowerment Center  
Nina Mason Pulliam Conference Center  
5025 E. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85034**

**Minutes**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Co Vice-Chair José De la Torre, Co Vice-Chair Aaron Edgell, Jacque Olsen  
Frank Emery, Ed Mitchell, Kristoffer Kiefer, Linda Kurth, Armando Faustini Jr.,  
Martha Ashburn,

**(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification):** Chair Robert Kizere, Cyndi Newburn,  
Nora Nuñez, Liz Perez, Chelsea Chamberlain

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

None

**Staff Present:**

Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Meeting officially called to order by Co-Vice Chair José De la Torre at 7:15 p.m.

**Guests:** Dan Olsen

**Public Appearances:**

None

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 1/07/10 Draft Commission Minutes,  
moved/Kris Kiefer; second/Martha Ashburn to amend minutes to show that  
Jacque Olsen participated by teleconference at the January 7, 2010 meeting.  
  
Moved/Kris Kiefer; second/Martha Ashburn to accept amended minutes;  
unanimous.
2. Welcome to the Disability Empowerment Center – No one available from the  
Disability Empowerment Center to present short bio re: the Center. Some  
discussion and basic info. by staff concerning some features of this very accessible  
and “green” structure in the metro area and the State of AZ as a whole.

3. New Committees: Committee reports from initial 2 meetings. Also staff report re: future meeting locations (March 4, 2010 meeting at Tempe Transit Center).

Awareness Committee: Devising plan to provide disability awareness education to the public schools in Tempe. Also wants to partner with City of Tempe to maintain the ADA website in order to make it more accessible. It is difficult to find and navigate from public access. Staff will facilitate access to City Webmaster to discuss.

Special Projects: Would like to pursue partnership with Tempe Festival of the Arts for people with disabilities to display their goods. Spring festival thought to be late March.

Partnership Committee: Good brainstorming. Committee to consider potential partnerships with agencies utilizing the Disability Empowerment Center; utilize non-profit status. Partnership could also consider working with disabled artists at Arts Festival.

4. Architectural Compliance Committee Update – Need for future meetings?

Architectural Compliance Committee duties will be part of Awareness Committee and will not need separate meeting. Staff asked the question because the Awards Committee will need to meet separately to coordinate upcoming event on April 29, 2010.

5. Awards Committee – Need for future meetings?

Tabled.

6. Discussion of 2010 ADA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities.

Tabled.

7. Discussion of ADA and Tempe Special Events – Review of special events checklist for ADA concerns.

Ed/motion to refer to Special Events Committee; second/José, unanimous.

8. COT Building/Renovation projects - Renovation of City Hall, History Museum, & Public Library.

Staff input that anyone is able to view the renovations to the first floor of the to the Tempe Library for accessibility concerns.

9. Emerging issues / projects – Discussion of local emergency planning for people with disabilities.

Some interest in reviewing the current City/County emergency action plan for people with disabilities. Staff will coordinate information.

10. Diversity/ADA Office Updates: Staff -Reminder: City of Tempe ID cards.

Reminder to have everyone on Commission to get their ID badges.

11. Topics for Future Meetings: Tempe Library Tour; Dave Cutty, TCH presentation

Parking enforcement update; Disposition of fines; January updates

Motion to Adjourn: Frank/moved; Aaron/Second; unanimous.

8:18 p.m. meeting adjourned.

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