

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES CONCERNS
Partnership Committee

MINUTES

Thursday February 4th 2010

Nina Mason Pulliam Conference Center

Phoenix, AZ

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, February 4, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

Location: Empowerment Center Cafeteria

Members Present: Ed Mitchell, Kris Kiefer, and Aaron Edgell

Members Absent: Chelsea Chamberlain, and Nora Nunez

1. Committee members discussed the need to identify strategic partnerships composed of existing partnerships, possible corporate partners, non-profit partners and existing partnerships within the City of Tempe. Members were asked to make their own lists for the next meeting.
2. The Challenge of educating the business community about the need for Accessibility was discussed. Kris Kiefer re-affirmed the idea of professional seminars that could be held at a neutral location or possible even on site if warranted.

3. The Committee is very interested in pursuing Chelsea's proposal for developing a partnership with ASU Parking and Transit to improve accessible parking and services. Chelsea will pursue this and report back.
4. Develop a program that will recognize retail stores, companies and medical offices that are genuinely accessible. Ideas included decals, plaques, etc.
5. There was also a discussion on how to recognize Disabled Artists, musicians, etc. The Arts Festival is March 26-28 so there is not sufficient time to prepare for this year, but perhaps we can begin looking at 2011.

Committee Members are encouraged to do some research and thinking on these items for the March 4, 2010 meeting at the Transit Center.

Minutes recorded by

Ed Mitchell

6. Brainstorm potential projects and partnerships

Adjourn for Commission Meeting at 7:15 PM in the Board Room