

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

**Tempe Transit Center  
200 E. Fifth Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Don Cassano Conference Center  
Tempe, AZ 85281**

**Minutes**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Chair Robert Kizere, Co Vice-Chair Aaron Edgell, Jacque Olsen, Nora Nuñez, Ed Mitchell, Kristoffer Kiefer, Armando Faustini Jr., Martha Ashburn, Tom Ringhofer,

**(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification):** Co Vice-Chair José De la Torre, Cyndi Newburn, Frank Emery, Liz Perez, Chelsea Chamberlain, Linda Kurth

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

None

**Staff Present:**

Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Meeting officially called to order by Chair Robert Kizere at 7:18 p.m.

**Guests:** Dan Olsen, Ashleigh Turner

**Public Appearances:**

None

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 02/04/10 Draft Commission Minutes, 01/20/10 Draft Awards Committee Minutes. [moved/Kris Kiefer; second/Armando to approve 20/02/10 Draft Commission Minutes; unanimous](#)  
  
[Moved/Ed Mitchell; second/Aaron Edgell to approve 01/20/10 Draft Awards Committee minutes; unanimous.](#)
2. Welcome to Tempe Transit Center/Update on Potential Transit Fund cutbacks  
Greg Jordan: [Power Point presentation of latest Transit Fund figures showing revenue declines for current year and anticipated fund depletion estimates for next 3 funding cycles. Notice has gone to public soliciting input regarding possible transit service cutbacks and asking feedback by way of an online survey tool. Proposals are specific regarding least productive ridership by bus lines, routes, time of day, etc. All modes of transportation are anticipating cuts, including light rail.](#)

3. Committees Reports:

Awareness Committee: Focus on providing disability awareness programs for Tempe public schools, perhaps with a tie to the ADA 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Special Projects: No official meeting because of lack of quorum. Committee is in need of at least one or two more participants.

Partnership Committee: Working on professional seminars and possible collaboration with Chamber of Commerce and a possible partnership with AZ Mills to become a "Model of Accessibility."

4. Discussion of ADA and Tempe Special Events – Suggestion that the review and finalization of the ADA section of the City of Tempe Special Events Taskforce Handbook be presented to the whole Commission.
5. Discussion of 2010 ADA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities. No report
6. COT Building/Renovation projects - Renovation of City Hall, History Museum, & Public Library. Staff noted that the Library and the History Museum have done well with accessibility although some features at the Library have not been completed as yet.
7. Emerging issues / projects – Discussion of local emergency planning for people with disabilities.
8. Diversity/ADA Office Updates: Staff -Reminder: City of Tempe ID cards. Staff asked Commissioners whether they wished to meet permanently at the Tempe Transit Center or return to the Library and the unanimous vote was the Library.
9. Topics for Future Meetings: Nora Nuñez proposed that her brother-in-law present information regarding an alternative communication system that utilizes the internet to assist people with disabilities who are otherwise non-verbal. Commission members opted to have this individual present at the May 6, 2010 meeting. Dave Cutty, TCH presentation

Motion to Adjourn: Nora/moved; Martha/second; unanimous.

8:40 p.m. meeting adjourned.

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