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## PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES



### Commission on Disability Concerns Thursday, August 05, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Tempe Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room 3500 S. Rural Rd.

#### Minutes

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Co Vice-Chair José De la Torre, Co Vice-Chair Aaron Edgell, Nora Nuñez, Frank Emery, Ed Mitchell, Kristoffer Kiefer, Armando Faustini Jr., Chelsea Chamberlain

**(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification):** Martha Ashburn, Tom Ringhofer

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

**Staff Present:**

Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

**Guests:** None

**Public Appearances:** None

**Meeting Called to order:** 6:30 pm

The Commission on Disability Concerns welcomes public comment at this time only for items listed on this agenda. There is a *three-minute time limit* per citizen.

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 05/06/10 draft Commission minutes – Motion to pass: Frank, Second: Armando, unanimous vote; 05/06/10 draft Partnership Sub-Committee minutes – Motion to pass: Nora, Second: Frank, unanimous vote; 05/06/10 draft Special Projects Sub-Committee minutes – Motion to pass: Nora, Second: Armando, unanimous vote.
2. Vote for 2010/11 Commission Officers: Chair: Martha Ashburn or Ed Mitchell (Vote for 1); Vice Co-Chairs (Vote for 2) Chelsea Chamberlain and Frank Emery.

Chair: Unanimous vote for Ed Mitchell

Co Vice Chairs: Unanimous votes for Chelsea Chamberlain and Frank Emery.

Officers will take office as of the September 2, 2010 meeting.

3. Discussion of ADA and Tempe Special Events: Review/comment on DRAFT Special Events Handbook and DRAFT checklist for ADA standards at all City of Tempe events.

Review of the history of this draft document that will ultimately become Section 10 of the special events application process (handbook). Review of the intention to move the City to a best practices organization, providing some standards above and beyond the current ADA standards in several areas, including providing 10% of the portable toilets to be ADA accessible, as opposed to just 5% in current ADA standards. Also provide accessible

pathways of 60" minimum width rather than current 36" minimum. Discussion included reminder that the intent of this document is to provide concise language to community special events organizers of the need to provide all of the items included at every event, regardless of location in Tempe. It is expected that the community will work closely with the Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns, through the ADA Compliance Specialist and trained community volunteers, to learn what items will provide a fully accessible event for all participants and visitors.

Staff will be meeting with Travis Dray and Linda Cano on August 24 to discuss what actions need to happen to secure the City's support of the 'best practices' standards that are proposed in this draft document. One or more Commissioners are supposed to be attending this meeting on behalf of the full Commission.

After all discussion a motion was made by Kris Kieffer and seconded by José De la Torre that the draft be adopted in the current form. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### 4. Committees Reports:

**Awareness** – No meetings held in several months because of lack of quorum. José De la Torre states that he doesn't think that the committee meetings, as currently arranged, are working. This committee worked much more effectively when they met separately as the Architectural Compliance Committee. They were able to get much more work done and he would like to return to separate meetings on different dates and times to allow for more time to accomplish work of the group.

A reminder to all Commissioners that with the Library now closing at 8:00 pm. (and Commission meetings ending by 7:45 pm) there will no longer be sufficient time for separate committees to meet on the same night, as most recently.

**Partnership** – Partnership is the one committee that was able to work effectively with meetings on the same nights as the Commission meetings. They are currently working on the Service Animal CLES available through the AZ State Bar. Nora reports that many people wanted more information on this topic. She is currently working to update information available. Ed reports that the AZ Mills shopping center is still very interested in becoming a 'Model of Accessibility' in the community. While they still have a number of issues to resolve, they are very amenable to working towards a goal of a 'community accessibility model.' Ed reports that the East Valley Dial-A-Ride program is still a work in progress for this committee.

**Special Projects** – No meetings have been held in several months because of so few members on the committee. This committee will best be served with a different structure for meetings as well.

How do we proceed with having committee meetings? – As reported, a different committee and meeting structure is needed.

5. Alexicom: - Nora will contact Alexicom and get an update on the company's progress for the September 2 meeting.

#### 6. Update on various architectural compliance concerns:

- Staff shared that he was contacted by Ms. Bruna Pedrini, attorney for Fenimore-Craig, regarding the accessibility issues at the SW Business Center on Lakeshore and Rural. She seems to be very aware of the issues and is willing to meet and discuss some

options for providing better access. Staff will try to arrange a meeting as soon as possible with Aaron Edgell and other interested Commissioners.

- Fry's @ Rural & Southern has made progress with accessibility of parking lot, as has neighboring Tempe School Dist. Patrons can now travel safely from bus stop on Rural by sidewalk and curb-cuts on north of property to Fry's.
- Frank reports that the issue of signage at the Northshore Condominiums has still not been satisfactorily resolved. Staff will research responses from COT Development Services Deputy Manager Mike Williams last year regarding this issue.

7. Complete the discussion of 05/06/10 re: approving sub-committee agendas by the Sub-Committee(s) vs. full Commission vote: Motion by Kris, second by Frank to table this item until a later date.
8. COT Building/Renovation projects – Status of Renovation of City Hall, Public Library, & Fire Support Services Building. No real update is available for projects not yet started. All projects like the Fire Support Building and the City Hall renovations are on hold until funds are available.

Update on the Library is that there are now 2 complaints about the carpeting in the Library and certainly more to come. We need to discuss how the Commission would like to go forward with this complaint.

9. Diversity/ADA Office Updates: Discussion of July 10, 2010 IRS action; Staff -Reminder: City of Tempe ID cards. Staff shared information that there are now 4 vacancies on this Commission, with the recent departure of Cyndi Newburn. City Clerk has been notified immediately as each vacancy has occurred.
10. Topics for Future Meetings: Dave Cutty, TCH presentation, additional topics for future meetings: Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors presentation for September.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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