
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES



Commission on Disability Concerns Thursday, October 07, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Tempe Library, 2nd Floor Board Room 3500 S. Rural Rd.

MINUTES

(MEMBERS) Present: Co Vice-Chair Frank Emery, Aaron Edgell, Nora Nuñez, Martha Ashburn, Tom Ringhofer, José De la Torre; Ed Mitchell & Kristoffer Kiefer by teleconference.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification): Chelsea Chamberlain

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absence (no notification): Armando Faustini Jr.

Staff Present:

Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Guests: None

Public Appearances: None

Meeting Called to order: 6:31 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: 08/05/10 draft Commission minutes. [Motion to approve with no changes, Martha Ashburn; second Aaron Edgell, unanimous vote.](#)
2. Update and Discussion of ADA and Tempe Special Events: Update on recent meeting with COT Special Events Manager and Supervisor re: DRAFT Special Events Handbook and DRAFT checklist for ADA standards at all City of Tempe events. [Kris Kiefer and Staff updating Commission about the discussion\(s\) with COT Special Events staff members on August 25. Essentially the position of Special Events is that they will not support using ADA standards that are more stringent than the current minimum ADA Standards of the original law \(i.e. minimum 36" wide pathway as opposed to recommended 60" pathway; 5% of all portable toilets to meet ADA standards as opposed to recommended 10% of portable toilets used at an event. The primary reason for this position from the Special Events group is not wanting to potentially lose individual special events for Tempe because of holding event promoters to higher ADA standards and potentially higher costs associated with things like ADA portable toilets. Commission will discuss further at next meeting; may choose to delay presentation to Parks & Rec. Board \(Nov.\) to develop longer term strategy with more ground work done on what other municipalities \(nationally\) have developed re: best practices in this area.](#)

3. Committees: Further discussion regarding Awareness, Partnership, Special Projects; How do we proceed with having committee meetings?
 - a. If committees are approved complete the discussion of 05/06/10 re: approving agendas and minutes by the individual committee(s) vs. full Commission vote.

Discussion on how best to utilize Committee's focused on the idea of establishing topic or project focus workgroups to accomplish specific tasks such as the Special Events handbook revisions, rather than standing committees that may not have ongoing projects at all times. The task-group would then be disbanded once the project goals are accomplished. Martha will contact City Clerk's office to determine how many Commissioners could work on each task workgroup without violating Open Meeting laws, etc.

4. Alexicom: Update of program presented at May 6, 2010 meeting and any follow-up action. Nora provided update that the Alexicom program is continuing to seek local school opportunities throughout the valley to introduce this program that provides better, more cost-effective communication options for children with disabilities.
5. Update on various architectural compliance concerns: SW Business Center, AZ Mills Staff presented information that Ms. Bruna Pedrini, Attorney at Fennimore, Craig (rep. SW Business Ctr.) has not been back in touch with staff to setup an onsite meeting to discuss the specifics of their plan to bring the property into better compliance with ADA Standards. The building was built in 1986, pre-ADA. Staff will continue to seek a meeting soon and will notify Commissioners who may be interested in attending this on-site meeting.
6. COT Building/Renovation projects – Status of Renovation of City Hall – Renovation project is on-hold indefinitely until funding is available. Public Library- Still have at least 4 complaints from people using manual mobility equipment that the carpeting on the main floor is very difficult to cross, presumably because of the 'rough texture' of these particular carpet squares. Fire Support Services Building. – Building is in progress although this facility is not meant to be accessible by the public.
7. Accessible Parking Study – Taskforce? Workgroup? Update information from the DTC is that the parking study accomplished last year did not tabulate the number / location of accessible parking spaces. Reason is unknown.
8. Diversity/ADA Office Updates:
9. Topics for Future Meetings: Dave Cutty, TCH presentation, additional topics for future meetings:

Adjournment: 7:42 p.m.

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