
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES



Commission on Disability Concerns Thursday, November 04, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Tempe Library, 2nd Floor Board Room 3500 S. Rural Rd.

Revised Minutes

Public Appearances: 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.

(MEMBERS) Present: Chair Ed Mitchell, Co Vice-Chair Chelsea Chamberlain, Co Vice-Chair Frank Emery, José De la Torre, Martha Ashburn, Tom Ringhofer, Nora Nuñez (telephone)

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification): Kristoffer Kiefer, Aaron Edgell

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

Staff Present:

Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Guests: None

Public Appearances: None

Meeting Called to order: 6:35 pm

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 10/07/10 draft Commission minutes. [Motion to approve, José; second, Frank; unanimous.](#)
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. Discussion of whether to postpone the presentation of the DRAFT Special Events revision of the ADA standards and do more background work on what other cities in the nation have done to introduce “best practices” in accessibility and how to best ‘market’ those changes. [Discussion was to gather more information related to what processes other municipalities are using to advance ‘best practices’ regarding accessibility standards that exceed the minimums in the ADA standards of 20+ years ago. Action: Karl Stephens and Ed Mitchell will bring back a sample of what other comparable cities are currently doing to advance ‘best practices’ regarding accessibility standards that exceed the minimums in the ADA standards of 20+ years ago.](#)
3. Committees: Further discussion regarding Awareness, Partnership, Special Projects; How do we proceed with having committee meetings? [Concern was expressed that we need to maintain a standing Committee similar to the previous Architectural Compliance Committee in](#)

order to deal with the ongoing accessibility needs of Tempe citizens. The Fry's and Tempe Elementary School District office located at Rural and Southern have completed the ADA repairs identified by this Commission and have exceeded by adding an additional accessible pathway. One member expressed concern about the entry way from the corner crosswalks into the gas station. There is no accessible path off of the decorative entry. Staff will discuss this situation with Development and report to the Commission.

- 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.

Task groups: What are the barriers to using only task-groups vs. standing committees? Staff to update Commission on recent meeting with City Clerk staff. The Chairman of the Commission asked Commissioner Ashburn to prepare two reports related to this item: 1) What would Project Groups/Task Forces need to know to be in compliance with the Arizona Open Meeting Law and the impact that it would have on the procedures. 2) Prepare an amendment to TCC 19-93 that will prohibit blocking of Accessible Parking Spaces under any circumstance. Although item 3. a. was not really discussed, there was a great deal of discussion about the make-up of the task-groups, with much agreement that focusing on task oriented projects, with a clear beginning and end date. The 'Special Events Task-group' was given as an example with a clear plan to put in place and ultimately a training cadre of volunteers to recruit and train as special events on-site accessibility hosts to be sure that all is well at as many special events as possible throughout the year.

4. Update on architectural compliance concerns: SW Business Center, Rural Rd. & Lakeshore Dr. Ed Mitchell, Jose De la Torre and staff attended meeting on Nov. 3rd with Atty. Bruna Pedrini and Mgt. Company staff to discuss best options for bringing pre-ADA (1986) property into ADA compliance. The primary challenge that exists is that there is no accessible pathway into the building from the public sidewalk. Although the 2nd floor parking garage is accessible to standard private vehicles less than 7,000 lbs. and under 7' in ht., public transportation such as Dial-A-Ride and Buses not good options because of the lack of accessible drop-off and pathway from the streets. Staff to contact Public Works Operations Deputy to arrange a site visit and begin discussions about possible partnership with building management. SW Business Center management are interested in meeting there long-term accessibility obligations in partnership with the City, if at all possible. Staff will report update on this matter at the December Commission meeting.
5. Request from Diversity Manager: Ask Commission to identify primary goals for the next 1 – 2 years so that Diversity can better assist with achieving those goals. The Commission discussed the need to create a calendar to schedule leaders from City Departments to present their strategies and timeline for proactively addressing the Accessibility needs of Tempe. Some primary discussion with more to come at next meeting.
6. Accessible Parking Study – Taskforce? Workgroup? The study completed by the DTC seems quite confusing since they seemed to do an extensive count of DTC parking spaces yet totally overlooked the ADA spaces in the same area. More work to be done by Commission to determine next steps re: this study and the issues of DTC ADA parking.
7. Diversity/ADA Office Updates: Diversity Admin. Asst. is back to work and ADA staff is now on 30 hour per week schedule.
8. Topics for Future Meetings: Dave Cutty, TCH presentation,

Adjournment: 7:58 p.m.

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