
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES



Commission on Disability Concerns Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Tempe Library, 2nd Floor Board Room 3500 S. Rural Rd.

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.

* Note: At this time there are 9 members on this Commission.

(MEMBERS) Present: Chair Ed Mitchell, Kris Kiefer, Frank Emery, Martha Ashburn, and Chelsea Chamberlain.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification): Tom Ringhofer, Jose De La Torre, Nora Nunez, Aaron Edgell

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absence (no notification): None

Guests: None

Public Appearances: None

Meeting Called to order: 6:30 pm

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1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 12/02/10 draft Commission minutes. Moved by Frank Emery, seconded by Martha Ashburn, unanimous approval.
2. Update and Status of Amendment to TCC 19-93: Martha Ashburn spoke with the City Attorney regarding the downtown parking problem and potential ordinance revisions aimed at resolving blocking issues by penalizing the vehicle or device owner, as well as the business and property owners. Kris Kiefer expressed some concern about holding business owners strictly liable when a third-party vehicle is blocking an accessible spot. Martha, mindful of that concern, suggested revisions that impose a knowledge element requiring that the business owner be present and know of the blocking before receiving a fine. Those revisions will be further discussed at the next Commission meeting.

3. Commissioner's Reports on Projects and interest:
 - a) Downtown Tempe Accessible Parking: Ed Mitchell spoke with the City attorney about the downtown parking situation. As it stands, the City appears to be out of compliance with some accessible parking requirements and is exacerbating the situation by reducing the number of accessible spots in the area. The City Attorney also informed Ed that the parking enforcement volunteers need to be legally authorized to issue citations. The City is working to ensure that authorization is given.
 - b) Best Practices Project Research Group: Frank Emery is developing a questionnaire for other municipalities to answer regarding the nature of disability awareness and health services in their communities. Frank is continuing to revise the questions.
4. Update on architectural compliance concerns: SW Business Center - Karl Stephens, Ed Mitchell and Jose De la Torre met with the SW Business Center's attorney for a tour of the facility. Unfortunately, the owner of the SW Business Center cannot make it more accessible without help from the City of Tempe in the form of new curb cuts and pathways.
5. Approval of letter to Fry's Market at Rural and Southern: This item was tabled for discussion at the next Commission meeting. Martha Ashburn also suggested adding a discussion of whether the Commission should give a reward to businesses that are doing well on accessibility issues.
6. Prioritize list for 2011 presentations to the Commission on Disability Concerns:
 - a) February: Transportation (Switched with Tempe Community Council meeting originally scheduled for August)
 - b) March: Downtown Tempe Community
 - c) April: Special Events
 - d) May: Development Services
 - e) June: Public Works
 - f) July: Parks & Recreation
 - g) August: Tempe Community Council (Switched with Transportation meeting originally scheduled for February)
 - h) September: Arizona State University
 - i) October: Education – Tempe Elementary
 - j) November: Education – Kyrene
 - k) December: Tempe Union High School District
7. Adoption of Procedure Guidelines for Project Groups: This item was adopted at a prior meeting.
8. Acceptance and Affirmation of Work Proposal increased ADA hours: Kris Kiefer moved, Chelsea Chamberlin seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
9. Meeting adjourned:

For the next meeting the Commissioners would like to discuss funding options for a documentary on disability awareness.

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