
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES



Commission on Disability Concerns Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Tempe Library, 2nd Floor Board Room 3500 S. Rural Road

MINUTES

(MEMBERS) Present: Chair: Ed Mitchell, Martha Ashburn, Sarah Kader, Irene Mochel, Rich Halverson, Aaron Edgell, Tom Ringhofer

Conference Call-In: Jolene De Tiede and Chelsea Chamberlain

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification): Diane Moran and Nora Nunez, Frank Emery

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absence (no notification): None.

Staff Present: Rosa Inchausti, Diversity Manager

Guests: Steve Atkinson, Arizona State University

Public Appearances: None

Meeting Called to order: 6:30 pm

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.

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 02/03/11 Draft Commission Minutes. Motion to approve by Aaron Edgell, seconded by Martha Ashburn, approved unanimously.
2. Participation in the 2011 Senior Health & Awareness Expo: The Expo will be held at the Pyle Center on April 14, 2011. Ed Mitchell described the positive response and opportunities that Karl and he experienced at last year's Expo. Motion by Martha Ashburn to participate in this year's Expo, seconded by Tom Ringhofer and approved unanimously by Commissioners
3. Update and Status of Proposed Amendment to TCC 19-93. Following update and discussion on the current status of the Amendment by Commissioner Ashburn. The consensus was to ask Rosa Inchausti to coordinate the process of submitting the amendments for approval with the Tempe City Attorney, Andrew Ching. Motion by Aaron Edgell, seconded by Tom Ringhofer and approved unanimously by Commissioners.

4. Commissioners' Reports on Projects and Interests:

- a. Downtown Tempe Accessible Parking: Chairman Mitchell reported that (1) the accessible parking space that had been removed by Downtown Tempe Community in the west parking lot of the City Hall has not been replaced at the present time. (2) The City Council has approved the creation of an outside cafe area across from the TCC office and in the process removed a van accessible aisle and space without requiring that it be replaced and without contacting the Diversity Office. (3) An additional concern is the Downtown Parking study that was completed without making a count of the available Accessible Parking Spaces/areas.
 - b. Best Practices Project Research Group: Commissioner Emery was unable to attend the meeting.
 - c. The Accessible Life a Documentary: Chairman Mitchell led a brief discussion of the project and asked for additional ideas and input.
 - d. Section 8 Housing Vouchers for Tempe Citizens with Disabilities: Commissioner Halverson expressed his frustration with Section 8 housing and the process for individuals with disabilities to obtain vouchers in a timely manner. **Action: Rosa Inchausti will contact the Tempe Housing Department about making a presentation at a future meeting.**
 - e. Social Media and Commission on Disabilities Concerns Website: Commissioner De Tiege expressed a strong interest in using Social Media including Facebook, Twitter and the Commission's website to communicate with citizens with disabilities and their families. Following a time of discussion by the Commissioners, Commissioner De Tiege was asked to Chair the Social Media Work Group and Commissioner Chamberlain was asked to serve as Co-Chair. The Chair and Co-Chair will work with City of Tempe staffers to determine what is available to improve accessibility with Tempe's Social Media and website.
5. Letters of Appreciation to Fry's and Walmart for making their stores more accessible. This item was continued until the April meeting.
6. Future Presentations by Tempe Departments: The Commission believes that there is great value in interacting with the various Tempe agencies that deal directly with our citizens with disabilities. We will work to schedule these agencies as it is convenient for them.
7. Meeting adjourned:

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