



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Commission on Disability Concerns Thursday, August 4, 2011 Tempe Library, 2nd Floor Board Room 3500 S. Rural Rd.

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Chairman Mitchell.

(MEMBERS) Present: Chair: Ed Mitchell, Adam Dregely, Richard Halverson, Irene Mochel, Sarah Kader, Chelsea Chamberlain, and Aaron Edgell.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (Notification): Diane Moran, Martha Azhburn, Tom Ringhofer, and Nora Nunez.

Staff Present: Karl Stephens, ADA Coordinator

Public Appearances: NONE

1. **Karl's report:** A meeting has been arranged by the Assistant City Manager, he does not want the proposed parking law to go to the city council until he has a chance to meet with the Parks and Recreation special events representatives. Karl and Chairman Mitchell are concerned that Parks and Receptions may be a barrier to this going forward. The meeting is next week on August 10th – so there will be no meeting on August 18th. Chairman Mitchell reported that Heidi Graham is responsible for counting downtown spaces. Tempe's plan is to reduce parking to encourage use of light rail, but we want to be sure that the City maintains accessible spaces.

2. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes:** 07/7/11 Draft Commission Minutes.

Motion by Irene Mochel to approve the Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2011; seconded by Aaron Edgell and approved unanimously.

3. **Commissioners' Reports on Projects and Interest:**

- a) **Downtown Parking Update: ?**
Activities are on hold at this point.
- b) **Section 8 Housing for Tempe Citizens with Disabilities:** Rich Halverson Karl Stephens, Chairman Mitchell, and Commissioner Halverson met with Apache Trails. They are interested in being a player for low-income

and VA housing in the City of Tempe. They have already been contacted by the City of Phoenix and would also like to put housing in Tempe off of the rail. Chairman Mitchell would like to see how we can help motivate the increase of more available accessible apartments, like ASL. Karl wants to try and get Tempe a national accessibility award, and one of the things we need is more accessible housing, and employment.

c) Social Media and Commission on Disabilities Concern Website: Jolene de Tiege and Chelsea Chamberlain.

Commissioner Chamberlain recently emailed Rosa. The city may make its own template for Commission events but in the meantime Commissioner Chamberlain has made her own and she will send it out soon.

Website accessibility: Commissioner Dregely located a few more issues on the City of Tempe home page. He is going to be in touch with the relevant point person to remedy these issues.

Karl: October is supposed to be the month when the website will be completely changed. We should expect an email from Commissioner Chamberlain in the next few weeks with the template and think about events we might want to put on there. Commissioner Dregely is now on this project.

d) Support for Mayor's Commission: Irene Mochel

Commissioner Mochel reported that no date has been picked yet. Karl requests a day meeting, Commissioner Mochel says that could work. She will let everyone know what is needed once the meeting is held. Chairman Mitchell suggests we just meet an hour before the regularly scheduled commission meeting.

---Commissioner Nunez calls in.---

October 6 at 5:15pm in the conference room to begin planning is the current scheduled date. Commissioner Nunez is on the list to help and she says she will be there.

e) College Avenue Construction: Rich Halverson

Commissioner Halverson says that the situation at College and Southern is dangerous for people with disabilities. He asserts there are problems with dropping people off on the street at places that are not accessible because of stones on the sidewalk.

Karl is going out on Tuesday to check it out. Chairman Edgell reports that traffic has been funneled into a very narrow area and cars get really backed up behind the

Orbit when it picks up an individual in a wheelchair. Commissioner Halverson suggested to Viola placing metal plates across the stones.

4. Future Presentations by Tempe Departments.

Chairman Mitchell encourages people to be on time at the September 1st meeting, as we will have about 20-25 students. This will be an important session on emergency procedures. We may need to participate in demonstrations to see if the procedures are effective for people with disabilities.

5. REVIEW OF SPECIAL EVENTS HANDBOOK ADA SECTION.

Karl Stephens distributed copies of the Commission on Disability Concerns Strategic Plan February / March 2001. He would like to add this to the Commission's Agenda as a part of implementing a "Best Practices" approach to Disability issues within the City of Tempe.

6. Commissioners' Issues and Concerns for September:

History on Commission given to us by Karl - Next Tuesday, 8/9 – from 9-1030 am. Participation via webinar is available through Federal Government; on the release of the UA Access.

Board guidelines - Karl will report back.

Transition Plan – rolling 5 year plan – we should be a part of this.

Commissioner Edgell reports that the domes will no longer be required as of next year, but removing them is not going to be required, either.

7. Commissioner Kader presented an update on the status of the AHCCCS Lawsuit update

8. Meeting Adjourned: 7:46 p.m.

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