

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA



Commission on Disability Concerns Thursday, December 1, 2011 Tempe Public Library 2nd Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order at 6:29 PM by Chairman Mitchell.

(MEMBERS) Present: Chair: Ed Mitchell, Adam Dregely, Irene Mochel, Sarah Kader, Chelsea Chamberlain, Nora Nunez, Martha Ashburn, Diane Moran

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (Notification):

Staff Present: Karl Stephens, ADA Coordinator

Public Appearances: NONE

1. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes:** 11/03/11 Draft Commission Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Chamberlain to approve the Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Mochel and approved unanimously.

2. **Presentation by Architect Robert Lynch:**

Mr. Lynch is long-time proponent of universal design. He is in business with his son to bring businesses into compliance with the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). His business has assisted the Cities of Glendale, Surprise, and Mesa, in achieving ADAAG compliance. Mr. Lynch offered to assist the City of Tempe in the same endeavor. He mentioned new standards were put forth this year and cities are required to seek compliance in good faith.

Mr. Lynch shared his personal story, including contracting polio at the age of 9 and having parents that were immensely supportive of him. His own independence was always of paramount importance and he was one of the only students with a disability at the University of Notre Dame when he was in college. He later became more involved in disability rights advocacy and wrote a book on building accessibility for architects.

Karl: We are the leaders in the City of Tempe regarding accessibility here in Tempe. Karl wants to bring more accessibility to Tempe related to housing. Concerned about visitability in terms of housing. How can the city support houses being more accessible? Promote standards for new construction on apartments. (Mr. Lynch: Some things can be retrofitted and no cost or very little cost).

3. Update and Status of Proposed Amendment to TCC 19-93:

Chairman Mitchell thinks the first meeting will be on January 5th, 2012. Rosa is sending it forward for the January meeting. People are supportive of the changes – they are noted in the memo.

4. Commissioners' Reports on Projects and Interest:

a) Downtown Parking Update: Chairman Mitchell

None.

b) Section 8 Housing for Tempe Citizens with Disabilities: Rich Halverson
Commissioner Halverson not in attendance. Concern: Why has there always been a set number of 1,080 vouchers? There seems to be a diversion of vouchers and no increase in number; this is an ongoing problem. A meeting is going to happen tomorrow on this issue. Chairman Mitchell is going to try and find out why we did not receive any of the federal grant money.

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

Commissioner Chamberlain received the 2012 calendar from Dee and will be working on it during her break. She may do a month's calendar during the previous month. We will discuss it next month.

d) Support for Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns Awards Ceremony: Irene Mochel

We now have a definite for a speaker, Gina Campbell and Friends and Nominations are now open for Award winners. The Award Presentations are scheduled for April 25 at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Some scheduling issues are in the process of being resolved. Also seeking corporations to participate. Emma is working on different levels of sponsorship.

e) College Avenue Construction: Rich Halverson

No update at this time.

f) Universal Design for homes and Apartments within the Tempe City Limits: Ed Mitchell

Trying to put together a model that the engineering and development department would present as a guideline.

5. Report on the Status of the ADA Standards for Tempe Special Events

Chairman Mitchell and Karl are meeting on this issue on Monday, December 5th.

6. Guidelines and Standards for City of Tempe Commissioners:

Reviewed Board and Commission Orientation notes.

7. Future Presentations by Tempe Departments

8. Commissioners' Issues and Concerns for October:

Fire Department collaboration is ongoing. Update: More than 3 commissioners participating permitted, just cannot have more than 8.

Announcements by Commissioners that are of Community Interest:

David Carey and Ed Mitchell are organizing a Candidate Forum Disability on issues in Tempe with Mayoral candidates and Council candidates for February. It will be in council chambers and will be taped. Planning is ongoing.

7. Meeting Adjourned

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