
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Commission on Disability Concerns Thursday, April 5, 2012 2nd Floor Board Room Tempe Library Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Chairman Mitchell.

(MEMBERS) Present: Chair: Ed Mitchell, Adam Dregely, Sarah Kader, Chelsea Chamberlain, Martha Ashburn, Rachel Phillips, Tom Ringhofer, Nora Nunez, Carolyn Hutchens and Irene Mochel (by phone)

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (Notification): Diane Moran, Jolene de Tiege

Staff Present: Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Public Appearances: None

1. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes:** 03/01/12 Draft Commission Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Ashburn to approve the Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2011; seconded by Commissioner Dregely and approved unanimously.

2. **Presentations of interest for Commissioners:**

A. Caption Call – Heather Schroeder: The phone is for people who are hard of hearing and connects though a landline, high speed internet, or power line. It captions what the person on the other line is saying and contains volume control. All a person needs to do to sign up is submit their name, address, email, phone number, and indicate that they have hearing loss. Caption Call will bring the phone to the person's home, hook it up for them and show them how to use it. There is no monthly charge, it is paid for by the FCC. Caption Call is also looking for partners (like audiologists), they will get \$50 for each phone that gets connected through their referrals. This can be a good fundraiser for non-profits.

B. Deputy Fire Chief Tom Abbott and Trevor Aschleman – Deputy Chief Abbott and Trevor came to share their ongoing work on developing an Emergency Operations Plan for Persons with Special Needs. This collaboration will continue. We discussed the new issue of hoarding and how it impacts the disability community.

3. Report from Karl Stephens on the status of the Americans with Disabilities Act language in Section 10 of the Special Events Application.

Next meeting with Special Events staff is April 24th. Karl will give report at May 3rd meeting.

4. Commissioners' Reports on Projects and Interest:

a) Downtown Parking Update: Chairman Mitchell

Still waiting on numbers report.

b) Section 8 Housing for Tempe Citizens with Disabilities: Chairman Mitchell

Upcoming meeting with Mike Williams and Rosa to discuss housing situation. Still concerned that there are only 1080 vouchers. Individuals need assistance finding apartments that are accessible. We also want to look into universal design and housing renovations. City of Chandler has grants through the neighborhood stabilization programs to renovate – something to look into for Tempe.

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

Calendar distributed at meeting. Commissioner Chamberlain will send it for approval.

d) Update on the Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns Awards Ceremony: Irene Mochel

All recipients chosen. Excited that more students this year were submitted

e) College Avenue Construction:

No update.

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

Commissioner Dregely is going to look into HUD grants for neighborhood stabilization.

5. Future Presentations by Tempe Departments

6. Commissioners' Issues and Concerns for May:

Commissioner Kader: Will the July 5th meeting pose issues given the July 4th holiday?

Commissioner Ashburn: Need to discuss annual report to council. Propose submission for July 1st.

Commissioner Kader: Voter registration project. Chairman Mitchell – O'Connor House program on voting; he will report next month.

7. Announcements by Commissioners that are of Community Interest:

Commissioner Ringhofer: City of Tempe fixed a problematic gap in the road.

8. Meeting Adjourned: at 8:05pm. Motion by Commissioner Nunez, second by Commissioner Dregely, approved unanimously.

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