
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA



Commission on Disability Concerns Thursday, July 7, 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, Martha Ashburn, Richard Halverson, Nora Nunez, Diane Moran, Irene Mochel, Sarah Kader, Chelsea Chamberlain, and Tom Ringhofer.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (Notification): Aaron Edgell

Staff Present: Karl Stephens, ADA Coordinator

Public Appearances: NONE

- 1. Introduction of New Member:** Adam Dregely introduced himself. He is a special education teacher and has won a courage award. He and Chelsea know each other.
- 2. Karl's report:** Update done to the document given to counsel in the city manager's office to get position raised from 20-30 hours. Because of his absence he's had to update and revise some project dates. There are a couple of projects that will need significant input from the commission. He went to Denver last year for the ADA conference – 20 years after ADA, DOJ is finally getting excited about transition plans. Many Title II organizations have never done transition plans. There are 2 components: 1) is CIP buildings and funding that goes into municipal and state agency buildings – public parts of those buildings needs to be compliant with ADA or in a 5 year rolling plan to get up to date. 2) is a similar plan for pedestrian right of ways. He hasn't forgotten about special events task force – that is ongoing.
- 3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes:** 06/02/11 Draft Commission Minutes.
Motion by Rich Halverson to change 3(c) from "light rail" to "orbit."

Motion by Nora Nunez to approve the Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2011, seconded by Irene Mochel and approved unanimously.

4. Commissioners' Reports on Projects and Interest:

a) Update and Status of AHCCCS: Sarah Kader

Commissioner Kader reported on the Status of Arizona's Medicaid plan, AHCCCS, and the freeze on enrollment for childless adults due to go into effect on July 8, 2011. She handed out information on the matter and informed the commission that individuals can call the Arizona Center for Disability Law for legal assistance.

b) Section 8 Housing for Tempe Citizens with Disabilities: Rich Halverson

Commissioner Halverson has found some relevant information and spoke to someone in Milwaukee regarding housing. He is concerned the program is not really for people who are low income. Chairmen Mitchell informed the Commission that what is listed is the market rate of the unit which is the rate that must be published.

Chairman Mitchell has a meeting scheduled on July 22nd at 10am with the Vice President who is flying in from Milwaukee. She will go through the whole project and discuss how we can partner with them.

Commissioner Halverson expresses concern about the website.

Commissioner Ashburn advises Commissioner Halverson to apply whether he is sure he wants to move there or not. Chairman Mitchell invites everyone to the meeting on July 22nd, Commissioner Ashburn indicates if two or more commissioners are present, the meeting has to be public. Karl, Rich, and Ed plan to attend.

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

In May Chelsea met with the City of Tempe social media team and they really liked the idea that she suggested that we send a calendar of sorts with messages in advance. Chelsea volunteered to be the contact person. This Commission will be the test unit for this, and the City may then open it to other commissions.

d) College Avenue Construction: Rich Halverson

People have concerns that the area isn't safe as it was. Commissioner Halverson said he goes by it every day and that there are no orbit bus signs nor any way around College and Southern for the Orbit bus to stop to pick up people with disabilities.

Chairman Mitchell says he will try and get someone to the next Commission meeting from transportation and/or public works about what is going on see if someone can make a presentation or answer questions

e) Update and Status of Proposed Amendment: Martha Ashburn

Commissioner Ashburn is concerned about the Penny Saver lot that was mentioned earlier that is not accessible. Karl reported that the temporary fence went clear up to where the building is and doesn't know how it would have been used for accessible parking

Commissioner Ashburn reported that there is a city parking lot nearby as an option. Chairman Mitchell reported that they are adding four or five more spaces and that he gets the feeling the hotel is trying to be a good citizen.

Commissioner Ashburn reports that the City Council Meeting is August 18, 2011, Thursday night, at 7pm, at City Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

f) Support for Mayor's Commission: Irene Mochel

No update. Everyone loved the museum, but it was filled to capacity. If more people come there will not be enough space. However, it was a marked improvement from Pyle. Commissioner Nunez wants to volunteer for committee with Irene.

5. Status of letters to Fry's Grocery, Tempe Elementary School District and Walmart for Accessible Improvements at the Rural and Southern stores:

No update.

6. Future Presentations by Tempe Departments.

Chairperson Mitchell reports that a session will be held on emergency preparedness. This commission needs to interact with city officials who deal with that to make sure there are appropriate services in place for people with disabilities. We intend to have them come to a meeting and work through it with them.

7. Commissioners' Issues and Concerns for August.

8. Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.

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