Tempe

Minutes
Commission on Disability Concerns
Mayor's Disability Awards Committee
December 6, 2007

Minutes of the Awards Subcommittee of the Commission on Disability Concerns meeting held on December 6, 2007, 3:30 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library, Tempe, Arizona

(MEMBERS) Present:
Janie Shelton, Irene Mochel, Larry Randall, Vanessa Anspach, Emma Bordner, Cheryl Hornyan

Staff Present:
Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Guests present:
Luis Ross, potential 2008 keynote speaker and his personal care attendant

1. Meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Commissioner Janie Shelton

2. *Corrections to November minutes indicating that Tempe Community Council provides the plaques and certificates for the event and the Tempe Diablos organization provides the scholarships for the award winners.*

3. Review of the following Awards Event areas; assignments:

   - **Event Date** – Information provided by Cheryl Hornyan, TCC staff, that the date of May 1, 2008 would be much better for the TCC staff because of a retreat on May 9 and 10, requiring a lot of set-up. After some discussion, group, the committee decided to change the date to May 1, 2008. The Mayor is scheduled to be available for this date, as related by Commissioner Larry Randall who had coordinated with the Mayor's staff. Time for the event is from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

   - **Speaker** – Mr. Luis Ross presented personal information about himself to the Committee members, in hope of being selected to be the keynote speaker for the May 1, 2008 event. Mr. Ross presented to the Committee

using his electronic communication board because of his substantial speech barrier. He was well prepared, having programmed his presentation in advance. He gave biographical information about his early years, his upbringing and ultimately his education at ASU and his employment experience with the City of Phoenix City Auditor's office. After Mr. Ross left, the Committee voted unanimously to notify Mr. Ross that he has been selected to be the Keynote Speaker for the May 1, 2008 Mayor's Awards event. It was suggested that he may want to consider a Power Point presentation so that he could add some personal pictures of his life.

- **Food and Facility** – Discussion regarding the location focused on the Tempe Center for the Arts, Lakeside Room. Commissioner Randall has contacted Sally Garrison and has penciled in May 1 and May 8, 2008. The room is large enough to accommodate the projected 150 participants with enough room for many equipment users. Staff Liaison will contact Ms. Garrison to confirm the date of May 1, 2008, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

  ***Check on budget from City.*

- **Public Relations** – The Tempe Community Council will once again coordinate the publicity for the event. Emma Bordner will assume the role for sending out the press releases. Larry Randall will contact Mike Williams from the City of Tempe about potential nominations for an "Architectural Award." Also discussed was to consider a "Pride of the City Award" for 2008.

- **Plaques and Certificates** – The Tempe Diablos will again provide Scholarships for the award winners, while the Tempe Community Council will provide the plaques and certificates. Some discussion ensued about an appropriate gift for the Speaker with no final determination made.

  ***Check on budget from the City.*

- **Registration and Printed Programs** – Tempe Community Council will provide the registration forms and programs as in years past.

- **Nominations** – Commission members will be notified during the February 19, 2008 meeting to send nominations for all awards to the staff liaison by the end of March for consideration on April 3, 2008 by Awards Committee.

Next meeting scheduled for January 3, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., same location.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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/s/ Karl W. Stephens
Staff Liaison, ADA Compliance Specialist