

Commission on Disability Concerns
Architectural Compliance Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 18, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Pyle Adult Center
655 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ

In attendance: Jacque Olsen (Chair), Dan Olsen, Jose De La Torre, Janie Shelton, and Ed Mitchell

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Public comments: None
3. Minutes from May 21, 2009 meeting were accepted as presented.
4. Updated Mission Statement—Jose reported that it's ready to go to the full Commission for approval. The final draft was submitted to Karl. Jacque will ask Karl to forward this final draft to all Commissioners prior to the next Commission meeting (July 2) and will request that Karl add it to the agenda for consideration, discussion and approval.
5. Procedures for architectural compliance complaints—The committee agreed that we should leave this item on the agenda each month for discussion as we forward more complaints to Development Services.
6. Committee Chair for 2009-2010—Jose De La Torre agreed to serve as Chair of the committee for the following year. Jacque Olsen will serve as Vice-Chair. Janie Shelton reported that her term on the Commission ends on June 30 but she intends to continue to serve as a member of our committee. Jose will be responsible for providing the meeting agendas to Karl at the beginning of each month. Jacque and Dan Olsen will continue to record and distribute the meeting minutes.
7. Tempe MarketPlace status: Ed Mitchell reported that City of Tempe's Development Services Dept. has cited Westcor for the ADA code violations as a result of our complaint. Westcor has agreed to correct these violations. In addition, Westcor has hired an ADA consultant for a complete property evaluation. Mike Williams will report back to us on the progress of this project.

8. Re-opened projects:

- a) Fry's Grocery store at Rural & Southern---Dan Olsen did a site visit and reported his findings, using an aerial photo to illustrate the issue. There is no ADA safe access way from public transportation to the front door of Fry's from either Southern Ave. or Rural Rd. Jose and Janie will file a complaint form with Development Services using our new procedure.
- b) Broadway Apartments---Ed Mitchell reported that this property is indeed a HUD-funded property. He provided HUD guidelines (from their web site) regarding complaints. According to HUD guidelines, only a tenant can file a complaint for any suspected violations. Complaint resolutions are handled through property management and HUD because of the 504 funding contracts. By consensus, we agreed to remove this project from our list of active projects until a tenant comes to us with a new complaint.

9. We were reminded of the importance of attending the meeting on June 23 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall regarding the proposed revision of city codes for disabled parking spaces. This includes a proposal that increased citation fees be partially allocated to funding the ADA Specialist position full time.

10. Next meeting date---Thursday, July 16, 2009

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.