

**Commission on Disability Concerns
Mayor's Awards Committee
Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2009
4:00 p.m.**

**Tempe Community Council
34 East 7th St., Bldg. A, Tempe AZ**

(MEMBERS) Present:

Emma Bordner, Janie Shelton, Vanessa Anspach, Irene Mochel, Karl Stephens

(Members & Staff) Absent:

Robert Kizere, Liz Perez

Guests present:

None

1. Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Karl Stephens
2. Review of the following Awards Event areas; assignments:
 - **Event Date** – The date of the 2010 event will probably not be determined until this fall when the 2010 City Council meeting schedule will be finalized. At this point the date will most likely be either Wednesday, April 28 or Thursday, April 29, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 - **Speaker** – It appeared unanimous with Committee members that Mr. Randall Howe did a fine job as Keynote Speaker and stayed pretty much on the agreed to schedule. He seemed to provide just enough warmth and humor to keep his audience engaged, while also leaving the audience with a strong impression that anything is possible, even if you have a significant disability to overcome.

The Committee discussed some possible candidates for the next event and the name of Dr. Telepak at Rehab without Walls came up. Another possible speaker is a local woman named Silver Rose who is now a nationally renowned motivational speaker, but is also an individual with a disability and a mother of two children with disabilities. We will continue to discuss the keynote speaker in coming meetings.

- **Food and Facility** – Committee members all agreed that the refreshments were quite plentiful and perhaps we need to look at having only water and

another drink available instead of food at all for 2010. While the food was good, it was far too much for even this large group of 150+ attendees and few participants stayed to partake after the presentations.

While it was agreed that the Pyle Center worked well for this year's event, the Committee will be looking for other possible venues for 2010. This will include the renovated Library Program Room, if it is available and also another look at the Tempe Center for the Arts. This might be more feasible if there were no costs involved for refreshments. It was discussed that one of the new Commissioners is interested in becoming involved with this event and has some ideas on community venues for the future. Commissioner Chelsea Chamberlain will be specifically invited to join this group for the next meeting, which will be August 19. at this same time and location.

- **Public Relations** – Ms. Bordner was thanked for her tremendous coordination efforts for this latest event, including all media communications for the event, with everything in fine order.
- **Plaques and Certificates** – This function was once again coordinated through the Diversity office and no problems or concerns were noted.
- **Registration and Printed Programs** – Registration and printed programs worked well for the 2009 event, but the Committee will need to continue looking for a sponsor for the next year. Thanks again to Ms. Shelton and family for donating the program printing costs for this last event.
- **Nominations** – Ms. Bordner will forward updated 2010 nomination forms to Mr. Stephens to be placed on the City of Tempe Diversity Department website on an ongoing basis, making it easy for Tempe residents to nominate individuals or organizations throughout the year, until the next deadline for nominations of March 31, 2010. These forms will also be linked to the TCC website. Applications will be collected by the Diversity Dept. until the next year's selections are made.
- **Outstanding issues-**
None at this time.
- **Next Meeting** – August 19, 2009; 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Prepared by:

Karl Stephens