Tempe

Commission on Disability Concerns
Meeting Minutes February 19, 2008

7:00 p.m.
Tempe Public Library,
3500 So. Rural Road, Tempe AZ

(MEMBERS) Present:
Co Vice-Chair Darrell Shandrow, Robert Kizere, Cyndi Newburn, Matthew Jellison, Larry Randall, Jacque Olsen, Paul Bennewitz, Nora Nuñez, Linda Bergevin, Tom Ringhofer

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Chair Janie Shelton, Co Vice-Chair Mason Murphy, Frank Emery, Aaron Edgell

Staff Present:
Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Guests present:
None

Meeting convened at 7:03 p.m., Co Vice-Chair Darrell Shandrow called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:
***Corrections to January 15, 2007 minutes; Commissioner Cyndi Newburn added that After the Light Rail presentation, Jyme Sue McLaren invited interested Commissioners to attend a free ride on the system prior to it's opening. Also, Commissioner Newburn placed in minutes that because of the length of this presentation, all reports after #3. Vial of Life, were cancelled because of the lack of time.* Commissioner Jellison moved and Commissioner Newburn seconded; minutes approved unanimously.

Awards Committee minutes for February 7, 2008; Commissioner Bennewitz moved, Commissioner Jellison seconded, minutes approved unanimously.

Architecture Committee minutes for February 5, 2008; Commissioner Olsen moved and Commissioner Ringhofer seconded, minutes approved unanimously.

Public Appearances:
None

1. Introduction of new Commissioner Robert Kizere:

Mr. Kizere introduced himself as a long time Tempe resident who owns and manages a successful and growing interior design company with national and international

customers. He said that his guide dog had just completed airplane flight number 160+ in the last four years, so Mr. Kizere obviously travels a great deal. He was greeted warmly and welcomed by his fellow Commissioners. At this time it was noted that one additional seat remains vacant on this group.

2. Presentation by City of Tempe Sr. Plan Check Engineer Jim Maldonado

- Mr. Maldonado introduced himself and noted that this was his second presentation to this group, although it had been some years and the entire Commission had changed. Mr. Maldonado defined his office has jurisdiction over all private development that requires a building permit in the City of Tempe. He generally works "the counter," providing direct customer service to the public when they first bring plans to the office in the permit process. He explained that Tempe currently works under the 2003 IBC (International Building Code) but that they are also studying the 2006 IBC for potential future adoption. Mr. Maldonado is also willing to work with any Commissioner to help them understand and comment on the 2006 document if they choose to do so. He stated that his job is as the City Engineer most closely related to the ADA projects in the private sector. As part of this ADA discussion, the question came up if this Commission has a direct City Councilperson liaison (overseeing this group). Karl Stephens will research this question.

3. Dial-A-Ride Update – Darrell Shandrow

- Commissioner Shandrow expressed that he did not have a formal update regarding Dial-A-Ride, although he did express that his wife had some recent issues with service that once again negatively affected her employment. The Dial-a-ride situation is quite complicated and provides much unwanted stress to participants when it doesn't work as anticipated. Karl Stephens volunteered to contact the agency to determine how the complaint process works and how it is managed in order to provide better service to consumers.

4. Vial of Life – Larry Randall

- Commissioner Larry Randall reported that Karl Stephens was still awaiting the latest revision of the Vial of Life information forms used by program participants. Additionally, the Spanish language document is to be developed by the Diversity Dept. It is still hoped that this project will be available to the public again in March, 2008.

5. Report from the Child-Ability Committee – Linda Bergevin

- Commissioner Linda Bergevin reported that she and Commissioner Nunez had met in January and developed *DRAFT* survey questions for Tempe parents to respond to when asked what additional services that the City of Tempe could facilitate on behalf of these parent's special needs children. It is hoped that a *DRAFT* survey document would be available in March or April.

6. Report from the Committee on Architectural Accessibility – Tom Ringhofer

- The report by Commissioner Jacque Olsen noted the minutes of the meeting on February 5, 2008. Karl Stephens volunteered to look into the situation at the Broadway Apartments to gain a better understanding of the concerns.

7. Parks and Recreation Committee Update -

- Karl Stephens had not heard from Commissioner Emery this month but did report that he (Stephens) was on the Parks Board agenda for Wednesday, April, 16, 2008 and he would communicate that to Commissioner Emery.

8. Mayor's Awards Committee Update – Paul Bennewitz

- Commissioner Bennewitz reported that the Awards Committee is considering awarding the long time Tempe activist Michael Franjevik the "Pride of the City Award."

9. Tempe Rental Housing Concerns – Aaron Edgell

- No report.

10. Diversity/ADA Office Update

Staff Liaison Karl Stephens made the following announcements:

- His attendance the following day at the Arizona Disability Expo. at the Phoenix Convention Center and the invitation to all Commissioners to attend if they wished.
- Once again reminding Commissioners that if they had not attended the Boards and Commissions training at the Tempe Learning Center, they should call Brandy Naleski and register for the April 8 session. Also that they must strictly abide by the rule of not communicating by e-mail with each other regarding any type of Commission business outside of official meetings with the proper 48 hour agenda posting.

Topics for Future Meetings:

- Rose Smith of the East Valley Ride Choice will present at the March 18 meeting regarding the taxi discount ride coupons now available to Tempe residents with disabilities.
- Suggestion to invite Terry Metros of the Tempe Library to present at the March or April meetings regarding the upcoming renovation of the library.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM

Prepared by: Karl Stephens

_____*Karl W. Stephens*_____
Staff Liaison, ADA Compliance Specialist