

Jackson ADA Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 4, 2010

This meeting was held at the Hood Building in downtown Jackson. Attending the meeting were members: Sam Gleese, ADA Coordinator for Jackson; Scott Crawford; Lee Cole, Chairperson; Lynn Hill, Jan Hawthorne, Jackie Washington and Christy Dunaway. Members not present were Karen Robinson, Nickey Kirkwood, and Norman Washington. Non-Voting members present were Judy Sikes representing Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities, Rahye Puckett representing the Library for the Blind and Namon Hulitt representing AARP. Representing the City of Jackson were: Traci Brent with Transit Services Division; Corinne Fox and Benny Hopkins with Planning and Development, Michael Raff with Human and Cultural Services, Thelman Boyd, Director of Emergency Preparedness.

- I. Lee called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. Members and guests introduced themselves.
- III. Lee requested that Christy read the minutes from the meeting held June 2. She entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Christy. Motion carried. Jan then requested clarification on her representation. At Sam's request, Christy read the membership list to everyone. Sam explained that the Mayor originally only wanted a seven member Council. In an effort to ensure representation from the entire disability community, Sam added several organizational members and compromised with eleven members total.
- IV. Lee recognized Thelman Boyd to speak regarding emergency preparedness. Mr. Boyd thanked the Council for their interest in emergency preparedness and explained that the city is currently in the process of revising their emergency plan. According to Mr. Boyd, ESF #5 (FEMA's guidelines) which is "mass care or

the binder addresses programs as well as physical accessibility. Sam stated that it was mostly physical.

- d. ADA Celebration – Sam asked Christy to provide a brief report on the celebration held Saturday, July 24, which she did. It was a great day and we owe thanks to the City of Jackson and Jatron for ensuring that the venues were accessible and individuals with disabilities could participate.

VI. New Business –

- a. Sam informed the Council about a formal complaint received from a vendor at the Metro-center Mall regarding the Burlington Coat Factory closing their doors inside the mall. The vendor believes it's a violation of the ADA. It is not. Sam contacted Christy who sought expertise from the Southeastern DBTAC. The doors don't have to be open for people with disabilities as long as the doors outside are fully accessible, and they are.

VII. Other –

- a. Announcements – Traci Brent with Transit informed the Council that a request for proposal for the new routing and scheduling software was ready and would be published soon. New computers and servers were being ordered soon also.
- b. Scott Crawford asked if there had been any response to his inquiry about the new, but inaccessible, bus stop in front of Virginia College. Sam and Traci both indicated they had sent his inquiry to Planning and Development but there had been no response yet. Corinne Fox with Planning and Development stated that someone would look into it. Christy wanted to know how long it could possibly take to get a response on what was: 1) a clear violation of the ADA and 2) a formal, well-written and documented complaint from Scott. Is there not a timeframe that we can count on? Scott stated that legally the timeframe was 15 days for a verbal response and 30 days for a written response. To date there had been no response. Corinne assured the Council we would receive a response as soon as possible. Sam requested that we continue