

ADA
Advisory
Council

**Jackson ADA Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 2, 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, Napoleon Campbell, Jan Hawthorne, Lyn Jefferson and Christy Dunaway. Members not present were Karen Robinson, Nickey Kirkwood, Jackie Washington and Norman Washington. Non-Voting members present were Cindy Nugent representing MS Library Commission, Judy Sykes representing Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities, Lee Jenkins representing the MS Brain Injury Association 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, Pam Confer with Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Division.

- I. Lee called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. Members and guests introduced themselves.
- III. Lee entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting. The motion was made and seconded and approved.
- IV. Lee asked Ms. Confer with EBO to speak before Sam's report. Sam introduced Ms. Confer from EBO and stated that she had been asked to speak today relative to the Mayor's comments several months ago that the City would be requiring contractors to ensure equal employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Pam stated that the city requires its contractors, and those they sub-contract with, to ensure that a certain percentage of their employees be individuals who are African-American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, and female, if the contract is over \$50,000. The city is in the process now of reviewing its policies regarding equal business opportunities and this is a good time to fold disability into the requirements. A disparity

individual using a screen reader. Scott pointed out that the ADA information should be VERY visible and easy to find. This committee made a 2nd formal recommendation to the city today that the font for the ADA Notice and Grievance procedure on the city's home page should be considerably larger.

- d. Emergency Preparedness – Lee stated that the city's emergency preparedness division had been asked to present to us at our August meeting. She, Sam and Napoleon attended the Connect 1 Summit last week that focuses on emergency preparedness for people with disabilities and provided a report to the committee.

It was agreed that the regularly scheduled July meeting (July 7) will canceled and instead, Christy will provide training on Wednesday, July 28th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Hood Building. Our regularly scheduled meetings will resume on August 4th, 2010. There being no further business this meeting was adjourned.