

**ADA Advisory Council
Meetings Minutes
March 9, 2011**

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held in the MS Arts Center- Community Room located at East Pascagoula Street. Members attending this meeting were: Lee Cole, Chairperson; Sam Gleese, City ADA Coordinator; Dr. Scott Crawford, Karen Robinson, Robert Joseph, Napoleon Campbell, Jason Bunch, Corinne Fox (City of Jackson-Director of Planning & Development) and, Louis Armstrong (City of Jackson). Non-Voting Members and guests attending were : Judy Sikes (MSCCD), Kay Hardage, Esq. (Disability Rights –MS), Eddie Givens (Dept of Rehab-Regional Manager), Gina Dyess (MS Library Commission), Ms. Williams and Roy Granger (MIB -Deputy Director).

- I. Lee Cole called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.
- II. Members and guests introduced themselves.
- III. Cole gave a special presentation for our guest, Keith Donahue with 50 Give. Donahue makes visits across the country to raise awareness on disability issues. The Jackson news stations had a segment about him in their afternoon and evening news broadcasts.
- IV. There were three sets of meeting minutes read: December 01, 2011, January 5, 2011 minutes were read by Robinson and February 9, 2011 minutes were read by Sikes. Corrections on spelling and verbiage were noted on each set of minutes. Scott Crawford motioned that these minutes be accepted with the noted corrections and Sam Gleese seconded the motion.
- V. Special Guest, Lt. LuAnn Jackson with the Hinds County Sheriff's Dept-Crime Prevention Unit/Triad and Assault Council gave a very interesting presentation on her organization. The organization informed senior citizens of law enforcement issues, support services and implement training for seniors. The Triad & Assault Council holds meetings at various senior community centers on a monthly basis to inform seniors about identity scams, robbery protection, and response to any questions or requests that seniors may bring up. The Triad & Assault Council is comprised of 20 people in various agencies to discuss the seniors' quality of life. They host a yearly event, "Refuse to be used" fashion show, that brings awareness to the agency, will be on April 19 at the Jackson Medical Mall. Lt Jackson stated that the disability community has been neglected due to not knowing about the disability issues and promises to correct the oversight. She was invited to attend our meetings in the future.
- VI. Update on the emergency database for persons with disabilities was given by Armstrong. He has been exploring a database used by Miami –Dade County Office

of Emergency Management. He went over the items in their application for the registry which include basic info such as name & address, social security number, medical info such as doctor's name & number, medical condition and what medical equipment is necessary. Campbell stated that most people with disabilities do not want to give out the necessary info. Gleese and Armstrong both responded that the info is voluntary. Gleese stated that raising the public's awareness about the registry is essential. Cole requested a motion that the ADA Advisory Council officially supports the registry. Crawford made this motion, Robinson seconded and the motion carried.

Armstrong also announced that a Tabletop exercise was executed by all city departments. An assimilation of a tornado disaster was done. During this exercise, a communication gap with the disability community was noted. Other areas that needed to be addressed were: seniors with pets, dialysis and other medical issues and accessibility.

VII. Old Business

- a. Gleese was expecting an email concerning the City's ADA Transition Plan and will discuss this at the next meeting.
- b. Gleese will also bring the ADA Advisory Council by-laws to the next meeting.

VIII. Announcements

- a. The VA Hospital bus stop accessibility issue has not been addressed.
- b. Gleese announced that the city has approved the new software for JATRAN.
- c. A contractor has been selected to build bus stop shelters.
- d. Cole and Sikes are working on a calendar of events for the different organizations in and around Jackson.

The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2011 @ 1pm, Hood Bldg. Meeting was adjourned by 2 p.m.

These Minutes were prepared by Karen Robinson and Gina Dyess and approved at the April 6, 2011 meeting.