

Jackson ADA Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 5, 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; Cindy Nugent (guest), Judy Sykes (guest), Lynn Hill, Namon Hulitt Jr (guest), Niki Kirkwood, Napoleon Campbell, Jan Hawthorne and Jackie Washington. Members not present were Lynn Jefferson, Christy Dunaway, and Karen Robinson. Other Guests attending today were: Sam Tensley with Public Transportation Management (PTM); Traci Brent with Transit Services Division; Diane Dunbar, Dispatcher with Jatran; Ms. Corrine Fox with Planning and Development of Jackson; Robert Joseph and MaryAnn Robinson.

- I. Lee called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. Members and guests introduced themselves.
- III. Jackie read the minutes from the April meeting. Sam made a correction on the date of May meeting to the 5th of May. Jan motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Judy seconded and the motion carried.
- IV. Report from the City- Sam informed the group that several issues had taken place since last meeting:
 - 1) The advisory councils have been separated into the ADA Disability Advisory and the Jatran Advisory Councils (reminder).
 - 2) City of Jackson Summer Youth Employment Program has filled the 10 positions set aside for youth with disabilities.
 - 3) Sam encouraged the Council to participate actively in the Journey of Hope/ADA 20th year Birthday Celebration. The City will host the Journey of Hope at City Hall again. A formal ceremony will be held in the Rose garden (Josh

Halvert). We will then cycle and ride to the LIFE offices for a festival.

- 4) Dates to remember: Connect One Conference on emergency preparedness has been scheduled for May 20-21, 2010 at the Jackson Convention Center. Scott Crawford stated that Mary Troupe with the Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities will be holding a forum on federal Legislative policy issues/updates on May 21 at 2:00 pm at their offices. June 30 is Deaf/Blind Awareness Day. Saturday July 24th, is the 20th anniversary of the ADA. There will be a 3 mile walk sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi, on Saturday, May 15, 2010.
 - 5) Sam shared with the group a draft of the city of Jackson's ADA brochure, any feedback needs to be submitted to him by May 13, 2010 or as soon as possible. The final copy will be ready for publication in a timely matter.
 - 6) Sam requested that the individuals serving on this council email or drop their resume/biography (paragraph form) by his office immediately.
 - 7) Sam opened the floor for public comment and gave our guests an opportunity to speak: Ms. Fox stated she will have someone from the Equal Business Opportunity Office attend the June meeting. Mr. Tensley let the group know that he and Ms. Traci Brent will be attending an ADA Transit Meeting in Nashville, TN, as will Niki Kirkwood with the Arc of Mississippi and Chair Person for the Handi-Lift Advisory Committee. He mentioned that Mayor Johnson wants to reactivate the committee for the fixed route bus system. Sam suggested members from this group should be involved in that committee. Mr. Tensley told members present today that he would be attending the Jatran Handi-Lift Advisory Committee meeting from this point forward, rather than this one. However he will be available for questions or concerns.
- V. Lee Cole opened the floor for discussion.

- a. Several members of the group noticed that the Grievance Procedure was impossible to read at a font size of only 6.5. Lee stated that she will follow-up on the matter.
- b. Judy questioned Sam about the Sensitivity Awareness Training targeted for the city of Jackson employees. Sam commented that it is in process.
- c. Scott spoke about the Evaluation and Transition Plans throughout the city. Mr. Gleese said he would follow-up and determine the progress toward meeting that goal.

VI. Old Business-

- a. Jan mentioned inviting someone from Emergency Management to address preparedness concerns as discussed at the January Meeting. Lee discussed the need for the disability community to know there's an ADA Advisory Council organized and willing to collaborate with others advisory committees.
- b. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of the Para-transit and fixed route transportation system for the city of Jackson. It's a matter that the Jatran Advisory Council will be addressing.

There being no further business, Lee adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd at 1:00 pm at the Hood Building.