Jackson ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes May 4, 2011

This meeting was held in the conference room of the Hood Building located on President St. in downtown Jackson. Attending today's meeting were members: Lee Cole, Chairperson; Sam Gleese, City ADA Coordinator; Karen Robinson; Jan Hawthorne; Scott Crawford; Christy Dunaway; Lyn Jefferson; Jackie Washington; Corinne Fox, City of Jackson Planning and Development. Non-Voting members attending were: Gina Dyess and Shellie Zeigler, MS Library for the Blind; Judy Sikes, MS Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities.

- I. Lee Cole called the meeting to order at 1 pm.
- II. Introductions were made around the table. Shellie Zeigler explained that she was taking Rayhe Puckett's place due to her retirement.
- III. Christy Dunaway was asked to read the minutes from the April meeting. There were several minor changes made. Jan Hawthorne motioned to approve the minutes with the requested changes. Karen Robinson seconded and the motion carried.
- IV. Updates and Presentations
 - a. Lee Cole let the group know that Napoleon Campbell resigned from this council as and the JATRAN advisory council. Christy Dunaway read Napoleon Campbell's letter of resignation to the group. With Napoleon Campbell's resignation, representation, the Ward 3 seat on this council is now open. Although the members must be appointed and approved by the Mayor, this council can make recommendations. Finding a veteran from Ward 3 was discussed. Sam Gleese agreed to contact Ms. Witherspoon at the VA, at Scott Crawford's suggestion, and discuss potential candidates. Sikes also suggested Catherine Alford, their ADA coordinator. Jan Hawthorne offered to speak with someone at Wells United Methodist Church as well.
 - b. Lee Cole requested an update from Corinne Fox. There were no updates to report. There is still no summary from Red Cross regarding the accessibility of all of the senior centers that will be used as emergency shelters. The senior centers were surveyed for accessibility by Robert Joseph two years ago. The Mississippi School for the Blind agreed to do all of the large print and Braille copies of pertinent senior centers' information. There will be four Braille copies per center. No plans have been made for taping the information, but Christy Dunaway agreed to voice the information and the Library for the Blind offered their taping booth. She stated that she would have this done by the July meeting. Lee Cole indicated that she still had some concerns about the staff's awareness and sensitivity toward people with disabilities. Judy Sikes provided a brief overview of the training she has provided to the staff of the senior centers.
 - c. Christy Dunaway asked if we had the JBHM architect report on the accessibility surveys on a DVD yet. Sam Gleese stated that he's still working on it.
 - d. George Ewing requested a subcommittee work with him on accessibility at bus stops and other locations. The sub-committee has not met with him yet.
 - e. The By-Laws that were distributed last month have still not been reviewed by the committee. It was agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.

- f. Scott Crawford provided an update on the bus stop at the Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center. The city did make modifications by adding a loading platform and a flush curb ramp. However, they did not put the bench cut out as needed and did not remove the unnecessary curb ramp across the driveway (although they did some work on it). Scott Crawford showed the council members the incorrect curb ramp at Union Station and suggested that the funds could have and should have been spent to make it correct.
- g. Gleese provided an update on the accessibility of the JATRAN website. Jan Hawthorne stated that it seems fairly accessible, but the documents showing the bus routes were difficult to navigate. It is lacking a TTY number, JATRAN is misspelled on the website, and the minutes are all mislabeled as "Handilift" minutes. All of these issues have been brought to Traci Brent's attention.
- h. Lee Cole asked Scott Crawford to give the council a brief synopsis of his trip to Kansas City. Scott Crawford was invited by the Metropolitan Planning Organization to discuss the activities taking place in Jackson regarding transportation. They are planning to develop sustainable corridors of transit and have included people with disabilities on the front end.
- i. Sam Gleese and Christy Dunaway informed the group that they were still working out a training schedule with the fire department.
- V. New Business There was brief discussion regarding the fact that Sam Gleese really needs to be provided with a budget. He should have been allowed to attend the National ADA Symposium this year, but funding was not available.
- VI. Next meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 1:00 pm.
- VII. Announcements Connect 1 will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 12 and 13. It is free and targeting first responders. There will be a Walk-A-Thon for White Cane Safety Day on May 21 at Parham Bridges Park in North Jackson. The JATRAN special transportation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6.
- VIII. There being no further business, Jan Hawthorne motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Karen Robinson seconded and this meeting was adjourned.

These Minutes were prepared by Christy Dunaway and approved at the June 01, 2011 meeting.