## ADA Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 7, 2011

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held in the Hood Bldg. Members attending this meeting were: Ms. Lee Cole, Chairperson; Minister Sam Gleese, City ADA Coordinator; Dr. Scott Crawford, Ms. Karen Robinson, Mrs. Jackie Washington, Mr. Namon Hulitt (AARP), Mr. Len Jefferson, Ms. Lynn Hill, and Mr. Jason Bunch. Non-Voting Members and guests attending were: Ms. Corinne Fox (City of Jackson-Director of Planning & Development), Ms. Kay Hardage (Disability Rights of MS), Ms. Shellie Zeigler (MS Library Commission), Mr. Jim Rigby (MDOT), Deputy Chief Lindsey Horton (JPD), Ms. Kendria Davis (MDRS), and Mr. Fred Myers.

In the absence of Ms. Cole, Mr. Sam Gleese called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm. Ms. Cole arrived at 1:30 p.m.

I. Members and guests introduced themselves.

## New Business:

- II. Ms. Corinne Fox gave us the updates on the city streets that would probably be at risk of flooding, this week. A shelter will be open at Champion Gym and JATRAN will be on standby. For database registration for Code Red System, call 311.
- III. Ms. Fox informed us that the city council will vote on the budget for FY 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 8, 2011. The city council must approve a budget no later than Thursday, September 15, 2011.
- IV. Mr. Gleese updated us on bus stop improvements; once proposals have been developed, the ADA Council will be contacted to provide input & feedback on the project. On the Fortification Street and Fondren Project, there are no signs of construction. Technicalities of these projects are still being worked out.
- V. Mr. Jim Rigby stated that the City's Transition Plan must include input from the public and ADA Advisory Council to provide knowledgeable information for the disability population. The Transition Plan must be completed by December 31,

- 2011; it's a living document that will be ongoing. Transition Plan is not a final document; it's a work in process, which will be amended in the upcoming years.
- VI. Ms. Karen Robinson gave an update on the new fixed route and the paratransit systems, which is scheduled to go live Monday, October 3, 2011. There will be a lengthy learning curve for Handilift / Dispatch and drivers.
- VII. Mr. Gleese informed us that this Council needs two (2) more members to fill the vacant positions that presently exist. This Council is in need of an individual to take the Minutes.
- VIII. Deputy Chief Lindsey Horton attended the meeting today. He represents the Jackson Police Department. All of the current officers have attended disability sensitivity training. He assured the ADA Council that they are constantly reminded of being receptive to individuals with disabilities. The JPD' motto "Serve and Protect" is here to serve all people in the City of Jackson.

## **Old Business**

IX. The by-laws of the ADA Advisory Council are awaiting approval by Mayor Harvey Johnson, Jr.

## X. Announcements

Disability Awareness Month is October and the City of Jackson will sponsor "Disability Awareness Day" on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson Medical Mall. Several organizations will be having programs throughout October. It was suggested that programs maybe combined and that JATRAN be present at these programs.

The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2011 @ 1pm, in the First Floor Conference Room of the Hood Bldg. This Meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm.

These Minutes were prepared by Ms. Karen Robinson and Mrs. Jackie Washington. These Minutes were approved at the October 5, 2011, meeting.