

ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes September 5, 2012

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held at the Hood Bldg. Members present: Ms. Lee Cole (ADA Council Chairperson, Ward 2); Rev. Sam Gleese (City ADA Coordinator); Mr. Theo Letman (JATRAM's General Manager); Mr. Dewayne Cheatham (JATRAM's Head of Operations); Ms. Karen Robinson (JATRAM Handilift Dispatcher); Deputy Chief Johnnie L. McDonald (J.F.D.); Ms. Shellie Ziegler (MS Library for the Blind); Ms. Ollie Lester (Addie McBryde Rehab Center for the Blind); Ms. Christy Dunaway (LIFE of Mississippi); Ms. Jan Hawthorne, (MS School for the Blind, Ward 1); Mr. Len Jefferson (JSU); and CMDR Mike Seavey, (JPD).

Call to Order

- I. Chairperson Lee Cole called the meeting of the ADA Advisory Council to order at 1:05 p.m.
- II. Members and guest were introduced. Minutes of the August Advisory Council were read by Jan Hawthorne.

Approval of Minutes

- III. Motion to accept the minutes made by Dunaway, 2nd by Hawthorne, Minutes were approved as read.

Updates

- IV. Sam Gleese: On the membership list, it was noted that Wards 3 and 4 were without representation. Effective next month Desmeon Thomas, after getting his resume, will represent Ward 3. Jason Bunch will represent Ward 4; thus giving us a full slate of members. The Go Direct Day was a success. There were more than 200 persons in attendance. The Financial Institutions were happy with the results. They had 26 people to sign up for direct deposits and open new accounts. There were three educational sessions to teach everything from how to write a check, balance your account, use of ATM machines and more. The Job Fair is scheduled for September 26th at the Medical Mall from 9:00-2:00. We are looking for 85 or more employers with jobs to offer to register. Last year, it was reported that 300 jobs were filled. We expect 3-4,000 persons and will have interpreters for the hearing impaired. The employers will have booths, tables to complete applications and seminars for high school seniors. October 23rd is the annual Seniors Health and Wellness Fair Day sponsored by the City of Jackson Human & Cultural Department at the Convention Center. There will be health screenings and presentations. On October 30th, there will be the 2nd annual Disabilities Awareness Day at the Medical Mall.
- V. Theo Letman: JATRAM met with Robert Lee and the architects for Capital Street to give their feedback. There were some issues relative to the entry to Union Station. We are waiting for them to get back to us. The project should began this fall and run about a year. Ms. Cole asked if the accommodations to the bus stops were made. They talked about placing a bus stop at the corner of West and Capitol streets near the Governor's Mansion, in front of the Trustmark Bank and other shelter positions but nothing concrete has been decided.

- VI. Jan Hawthorne: The braille JATRAN manuals are now done and are here. It is the corrected copy of the Passenger User Guides.

Transition Plan

- VII. Lee Cole: We will spend the rest of the meeting reviewing the Transition Plan. It was decided that each month, a department will come with their updates so that we can provide input, suggestions or recommendations. We will start with the Fire Department.
- VIII. Deputy Chief Johnnie McDonald: One of the recommendations of the Transition Plan was to appoint a liaison to this Council. I'm the appointee and have attended all meetings. The programs offered to the general public by the JFD are: fire verification and fire reports that can be received are located in the basement. To gain access, a consumer can drive through one of the bay door labeled, enter the building and take the ramp to the elevator to the basement or call in advance and the reports will be brought to them at their vehicles. Free smoke detectors available for pick-up or they can be installed in the home. Fire stations 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 26 are used as voting precincts. All stations were evaluated for accessibility and are used for community meetings. Station 10 is the Fire Museum and the kids use it for parties. It is accessible with exception of a sidewalk that is being repaired. We offer CPR to the public at the Fire Department Training Center. The bathrooms are not accessible but the meeting will be moved upon request. LIFE provided training for the JFD staff and new recruits.
- IX. Lee Cole: Mr. Wright brought some concerns about the ramps in the parking lot at Murrah High School. Desmeon was to evaluate them. Christy noted to check with him.
- X. Christy Dunaway: The state opened the coliseum as a general shelter after Hurricane Isaac and Hudspeth Center for special medical needs. What responsibility does the City have to these groups? Sam responded that several senior centers were available to assist. Champion Center was opened for Jackson citizens who had power outages. The state made the coliseum and New Horizon available for evacuees. LIFE has entered into a contract with the City of Jackson to provide ADA Training starting in July. The next two will be September 18, 2012 and December with the Police Cadets. LIFE's Bridging the Gap, a fundraiser, has been scheduled for October 27, 2012 in Vicksburg across from the MS River Bridge. It is a walk/run at 9:00 a.m.

Announcements/Calendar of Events

- 09/06/12 6:00 p.m. - Public Hearing on the 2013 Fiscal City budget in Council Chambers
- 09/19/12 1-2:30 p.m. - The JATRAN Handlift Advisory Committee Meeting
- 09/22/12 NFB is running the concessions at the JSU Game. Volunteers are needed.
- 09/26/12 9-2:00 - The Jacksonian Jobs Fair at the Medical Mall
- 10/06/12 The NFB's Pancake Breakfast at Apple Bees Lakeland Drive
- 10/23/12 The Senior Health and Wellness Fair at the Convention Center.
- 10/27/12 9:00 - LIFE's Bridging the Gap Walk/Run in Vicksburg

10/30/12 The 2nd Annual Disabilities Awareness Day at the Medical Mall

11/06/12 The Presidential Election

11/9-10/12 MSB is celebrating 165 years Homecoming Weekend

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. 1st floor conference room of the Hood Bldg.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Submitted by Ms. Ollie Lester and approved at the October 03, 2012 monthly meeting.