

# ADA ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

### Attendance/Location

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held at the Metro Center. Members present: Mr. Wilbert Bingley, (Veterans); Mr. Jason Bunch, (Ward 4); Ms. Lee Cole (ADA Council Chairperson, Ward 2); Dr. Scott Crawford, (Ward 7); Mr. Sam Gleese, (City ADA Coordinator); Miss Jan Hawthorne, (MS School f/t Blind); Ms. Lynn Hill, (Ward 1); Ms. Ollie Lester, (Addie McBryde Center); Mr. Johnnie McDonald, (JFD); Ms. Cindy Nugent, (MS Library Commission); Mr. Rick Seavey, (Jackson Police Dept.) Ms. Judy Sykes, (MS Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities); Ms. Christine Welch, (JATRAM General Manager); Ms. Swannie Wilson, (Handilift Program Manager); Visitor/guest: Mr. Carl Allen, (City of Jackson); Mr. Bul Mabil, (MDOT); DOT; Ms. Janice Yancy, (MDOT); Mr. Charles Husband (MDOT)

### Call to Order

Chairperson Cole called the meeting of the ADA Advisory Council to order at 1:15 p.m. Members and guest introduced themselves. There were 14 voting members in attendance. Minutes of the April 2013 Advisory Council were read by Ollie Lester. Motion to adopt the minutes with amendments made by Crawford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gleese, Minutes were approved.

### Updates

Ms. Ollie Lester explained that due to illness she was unable to assist with the Pole Management training of the AutoMark. There will be a demonstration at MIB on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm. Ms. Cole asked if there could be a demo at L.C. Industries. Yes if they request it. Mr. Gleese urge that we have an ongoing training of the AutoMark for the June and November elections.

Ms. Janice Yancy, MDOT, The register now cards have been sent for online registration for the Transportation summit. There will be large print registration forms available. You may call 601-359-7800 to register by phone.

Mr. Charles Husband led the discussion about the Braille agenda's. He wanted to make sure the agenda contained the information needed but not be too large. Ms. Lester agreed to assist with Brailing the agenda for the Summit.

Mr. Ralph, Director of Human and cultural Services welcomed us to the Metro Center. Ms. Cole requested the group's feedback on this site.

Mr. Bingley apologized for not attending meetings. He is dealing with several health issues that keeps him at the VA. He does not use Handilift and expressed difficulty using his chair on the sidewalks. He spoke with Carr Brown , Highway Administrator about his concerns.

Mr. Husband suggested there be a time during the Mega Conference where the disabled community could come together to discuss their issues. There is a captive audience at the conference. Maybe the group could meet in the evening to accommodate persons who work. Many people call MDOT and need to be directed to JATRAN. You may consider alternating the meetings once a quarter to evenings. This may increase your numbers.

Ms. Jefferson asked "what is the Mega Conference"" Mr. Gleese explained that it is a conference that got started last year where all the disability organizations 501C within the state convened to have one conference instead of many small conferences. It is economical and saves time. The Mega Conference will be held at the Marriott on June 20-21. There are stipends for hotel and registration. You may register online.

Ms. Cole reminded us of the Meeting with the Mayor on May 22 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room at City Hall at 2:30 p.m. Please bring your questions. Mr. Husband suggested that the committee give the mayor in writing the purpose and concerns of the committee. It was motioned by Hawthorne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sykes to present the Mayor with a written document of concerns to take with him. Motion passed. Mr. Crawford has a document to share for members to email their feedback.

Mr. Gleese talked about what ADA Means. The ADA is a piece of Civil Rights legislation consisting of five units; Title 1 Employment, Title 2 Public service, Title 3 Public accommodations, Title 4 Telecommunication Title 5 Miscellaneous state and local government. More information on the ADA will be given at the next meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

06/20-21/13 – The Mega Conference

07/9-10/13 – The Transportation Summit

10/30/13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Disability Awareness Day, Metro Center

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room of the Hood Bldg. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ollie Lester,

Addie McBryde Center