

City of Jackson Mayor's ADA Advisory Council
Wednesday, June 5, 2013
Council Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held in the first floor conference room at the Hood Building located across from City Hall in downtown Jackson. A roster of attendees is attached.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Lee Cole, Chairwoman, at 1:10 pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - The minutes of the meeting held in May were not available. These minutes will be read and approved at the next meeting. The agenda was agreed upon by those present.
- III. Updates and Presentations
 - Ms. Cole requested that those members present who attended the recent meeting with Mayor Johnson provide reports.
 - Christy Dunaway reported that the group had presented Mayor Johnson with a list of issues, including: accessible/affordable transportation; accessible rights-of-way; housing, employment, emergency preparedness and more. This paper is available upon request. Christy stated that the Mayor had disagreed with our description of the lack of affordable/accessible housing in the city. He stated that there had been several large developments opened since his tenure in office. He provided approximate names and locations of these developments. After the meeting, Christy had the LIFE AmeriCorps members find the developments and check on their affordability and accessibility. Christy has a report available of these findings. Christy indicated that her primary concern with the housing issue was the ADA Coordinators lack of knowledge regarding the developments.
 - She therefore made a motion that this committee submit a formal request to the Mayor's office that states: *The City of Jackson ADA Coordinator should be made aware of all new housing developments planned within the city, so that he may have the opportunity to ensure compliance with the ADA and Fair Housing laws and meet with developers to discuss and learn of the availability of accessible and affordable housing options for people with disabilities residing in Jackson.*
 - There were not enough members present to take a formal vote on the motion immediately. A quorum arrived shortly afterwards, Christy restated her motion, Desmeon Thomas seconded the motion. Mr. Carl Allen did point out that the city has created a design review booklet that is provided to developers. There was no further discussion and the motion carried.
 - Christy also provided a brief report regarding the other issues we presented to the Mayor, and his response to some of those. Lee Cole added to this discussion as well.

IV. New Business

- Lee asked George ? to report on the City's Transition Plan. George reported that they had been working hard, taking every type of information they had regarding buildings, sidewalks, bus stops and programs trying to determine how to best present the information to the committee.
- Brad Stringer with JBHM architects was available to present us with a power point and answer questions. The suggestion is to break the transition plan down into 10 phases. Each phase is approximately one year and will cost between \$6-7 million to implement. Each phase includes addressing the most immediate issues with city owned buildings, sidewalks, etc. They have provided a list prioritizing what issues must be addressed first. The next step is to take the Transition Plan to the City Council for ratification and funding.
- After much discussion, questions and answers, Christy made the motion to accept the Transition Plan as presented today. Desmeon Thomas seconded and the motion carried.

V. Announcements

- Chairwoman Cole informed the committee that Karen Robinson, representing Ward 7 had recently resigned due to personal reasons. There was brief discussion regarding recommendations for her replacement, but it was agreed that these should wait until the new Mayor takes office in July.
- Regarding unfinished business from the current administration, Ms. Cole informed the Committee members that we had never received a review of membership and that there had been no signed constitution establishing the committee as requested.
- Ms. Cole informed the committee that we will cancel the July meeting due to summer vacations and travel.
- The Mississippi Department of Transportation 2013 Statewide Coordination Summit – “Where do we go from here” will be held on July 9 and 10 at the downtown Marriott.
- Christy Dunaway reminded the group about the 2013 Mississippi Disability Mega conference to be held June 20 and 21 at the downtown Marriott. Lee requested they we promote the Jackson Mayor's ADA Advisory Committee at the conference. The city did not reserve a table; however Christy stated that if someone would create a flyer, she could ask several exhibitors to put it on their tables.

VI. The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2013 at 1:00 pm in the Hood Building.

VII. Adjournment

- There being no further business, Ms. Cole entertained a motion to adjourn, Ms. Washington made the motion, Ms. Dunaway seconded and the motion carried.

These Minutes were approved at the August 07, 2013 meeting