

Florida Building Commission
Accessibility TAC
March 14, 2005
Radisson Mart Hotel
Miami, Florida

Members present:

Jeff Gross, Chair, J R Harding, Larry Schneider, Peter Tagliarini
Staff included Bruce Ketcham, M.K. Smith, Leslie Anderson-Adams

Jeff Gross called the meeting to order at 2:10PM. The Chair recognized the TAC as not having a quorum and therefore referred the meeting as working group.

The minutes of the January meeting were review with no changes and were unanimously approved by the Committee.

Charette update: To date there have been seven potential team members confirmed, the TAC decided to move the deadline to March 25, 2005 to increase the response for design Charette team. Prior to this the final Charette package was e-mailed to the potential team members with a deadline to respond by March 1, 2005. The problem was restated to “provide creative design solutions for a competitive state of the art accessible miniature golf course. The criteria for the design problem will include a specific site of limited size for an 18 or 36 hole course. The goal is to provide maximum accessibility to as many holes as possible while maintaining functionality for the operator as well as the players.” Currently the potential design professionals as the “Team” members, they are Carol Lopez, PVA, Chris Foster, Cost of Wisconsin (miniature golf course designer), Glen Harrison, miniature golf course designer, Stephen Spinetto, designer from Boston, recommended, Diana Ibarra, design professional and advocate, Mark Mazz, DOJ. The number of teams for the Charette will be determined by the final number of team participants. After the revised deadline of March 25, attendees will be notified using the FBC data base. The attendees will be given a time certain to respond and a meeting room can be planed for this event.

Education training 2 hour accessibility module update:

The 4 hour Accessibility course was reduced by 2 hours, using the same criteria technical criteria but narrowing the scope, reformatting and addressing the most common and problematic issues. The outline focuses on these four issues: The Accessible Route, Parking, Vertical Accessibility, Toilet Rooms and Toilet Stalls. Each TAC member received a “draft” cd copy to review and make comment, all comments are due to staff by March 21. The Education TAC will also take up the this issue at their regular meeting March 15 and make their recommendation to the Commission on Wednesday. This course should be accredited by July 2005.

Accessibility Code “Side –by-Side” comparison update on the new “Guidelines” :

Staff has received on comparison (awaiting release from the author to use) and will be used as a tool for the TAC comparison. J.R. Harding is also providing us with the Access Board’s Side-by-Side as an additional model for this task. The TAC and staff will create a most promising document for Code comparison. The TAC will concentrate their efforts

to florida specifics issues for our Side-by-Side study. From all indicators the new Access Guidelines could be at least 2 years before DOJ completes their work.

Miscellaneous discussion:

Presentation by FDOT representative Dean Perkins to discuss and clarify the following topics: Curb Ramp Transitions, Parking Standards, Detectable Warnings, and Accessible Signage. The TAC has requested legal to clarify what the state is required to comply with relative to Curb Ramps, Transition, Parking Standards, Detectable Warning, and Accessibility Signage. Legal was asked to report to the TAC in May 2005

Adjourn: 5PM