

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
ACCESSIBILITY TAC WORKSHOP
Rosen Plaza Hotel
Orlando, Florida**

September 23, 2002

Mr. Jeffrey Gross opened the workshop at 1:00 P.M. by reporting that Chairman Diana Richardson could not be in attendance and had asked him to chair the meeting in her absence.

TAC members present were Mr. Gross, Neil Melick, Stephen Corn, J. R. Harding, Johnny Long and Sharon Mignardi.

Hotel Survey: Mr. Gross announced that since Bunny Armstrong, as chairman of the subcommittee developing the survey, was not present further work on the document should be deferred until all subcommittee members could be present.

Emergency Evacuation: Johnny Long reported that the Paralyzed Veterans of America had submitted a proposed plan for evacuation procedures for persons with disabilities in emergency situations to the Governor. To implement the plan in all public buildings would require legislative action, and Governor Bush has been asked to support the initiative. Mr. Long stated that PVA is awaiting a response and would keep the TAC and other interested parties informed of future developments.

Education: The University of Florida completed development of the advanced training module for accessibility, which can be used by providers approved by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Johnny Long stated that based on discussion at the previous TAC meeting, the PVA is pursuing becoming not only a provider, but expressing its willingness to function as the manager for the advanced course. They will coordinate efforts with DBPR for this program.

Code Commentary: Both electronic and printed copies of the ADAAG Manual had previously been provided to the TAC members. Mr. Gross thanked J. R. Harding for obtaining the manuals from the Access Board. The TAC had previously decided that the appropriate way to develop the commentary would be to use the ADAAG Manual as the base and only modify those areas that had been amended to reflect Florida-specific requirements. Mr. Gross identified those areas in a report submitted at the August meeting and asked TAC members and interested parties to volunteer to write commentary on the identified sections. Each person is to prepare his or her sections and submit them to staff for compilation. The Florida-specific commentary will be reviewed at the October TAC meeting.

Code Modification: James Gregory of the Department of Health had submitted code modification #122 pertaining to strobes and alarms for consideration. This had been reviewed by the Fire TAC, and although the modification was withdrawn, the

Accessibility TAC was asked to also review it. Johnny Long asked that the NFPA citation mentioned in the proposed modification be provided to the TAC to assist with its review.

Access Board Update: J. R. Harding reported that the federal Access Board had approved a new version of ADAAG at the September meeting. It is in the process of being reviewed by pertinent federal departments before routing to the Department of Justice. Dr. Harding urged everyone to review the document closely when it is published in late October and to participate in the federal rulemaking process before it is approved by DOJ.

There was no further discussion and the workshop concluded at 2:30 P.M.