

Florida Building Commission
Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee

Rosen Center Hotel
Orlando, Florida
December 9, 2002
2:00-5:00pm

Members: *Diana Richardson –Chair, *Stephen Corn, *Leonard Lipka, Bob R. Leonard, *Johnny Long, *Jeffrey Gross, *Sharon Mignardi, *Larry Schneider, Bunny Armstrong, *James R. Harding, *Pamela Dorwarth, *Neil K. Melick,
* Members present at meeting.

Call to order, roll call -by Diana Richardson at 2:20 pm. Quorum was achieved

Review agenda – Approved as submitted

Approve October 2002 minutes – Approved as submitted

Diana Richardson, Chair appoints new Vice Chair of the Accessibility TAC, Jeff Gross Chair invited members and others to extend today's meeting until 6pm in order to remain on task and meet the January deadline to the commission with a finished product.

Meeting objectives:

1) Advanced Access Training Module:

General note on progress for the January 2003 meeting: Comments and recommendations from the December meeting relevant to the Training module will be given to the contractor to make specific changes as requested by the Access TAC. DCA staff will meet with the contractor prior to the January meeting to insure all technical requirements are addressed in the Accessibility Module. The three areas that have been outlined in the work plan to complete the Access Training Module are the following:

- a) Technical correctness of the slide presentation as completed by the Access TAC at the December 9, 2002 meeting, contractor to make changes and integrate within slide presentation.
- b) Photos to be replaced within the presentation by the DCA staff and ready for the January presentation by the contractor. Contractor to integrate within finished product.
- c) Exercise and examples on relevant slides to be reviewed for technical correctness and accuracy (TAC to review and contractor to make “real time” changes at the January 2003 meeting.

The Accessibility TAC will meet for a full day at the January (Sunday, January 12, 2003) meeting to complete this project. The contractor will be in attendance to present the final project for last minute changes if any.

2) Legal access issues

Legal report the following issues to the Accessibility TAC at the December meeting:

- a) Truncated Domes: The Federal issue was discussed and legal concluded that the approval of the “truncated domes” for warning surfaces would have no effect on the legal validity of ss 11-4.29.2(2), and that ss 11-4.29.2(2) is binding on owners and developers of projects subject to the Florida Building Code. It is noted that legal will forward the opinion paper to be placed on the DCA web site in the near future. Further note, legal will contact the Department of Justice to validate any further development with this issue and report to the TAC there findings in the near future.
 - b) Disproportionate Cost: Stated simply, Alterations made to provide an accessible path of travel to the altered area will be deemed disproportionate if the cost of access exceeds 20 percent of the cost of the alteration to the primary function area.
 - c) Accessibility Commentary: At this time legal does not find reason to suspend further development of the accessibility commentary at this time.
- 3) Other business by the TAC:
The Chair has requested that additional business on future Access agenda be deferred until the Advanced Accessibility Training Module is complete and recommendation sent to the commission via the Educational TAC. The specific items to be deferred are the following : Hotel Survey and the Accessibility commentary. When these issues are re-addressed they are to meet specific timelines and goals and stay on task. Further the TAC is to submit a workplan and goals to the commission for 2003.
- 4) Set January 2003 agenda
- a) Time proposed – full day 10am – 5pm
 - b) Advanced Accessibility Training Module – Review contractor’s finished product, make final comment/change/amendment for real time change. Review replacement photos, review and comment on examples and exercises within the presentation.

Adjourn 6:15pm - Diana Richardson