

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
ACCESSIBILITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Orlando, Florida
March 25, 2002**

Minutes

Voting Members Present:

Diana Richardson, Larry Schneider, Sharon Mignardi, J. R. Harding, Neil Melick, Jeffrey Gross, Bunny Armstrong and Pam Dorwarth

Following approval of the minutes, the TAC adjourned into meetings of its subcommittees on parking and accessible hotel requirements. After reconvening, the parking subcommittee reported it had reached consensus on the drawing of the accessible parking space developed to assist designers and local officials. The final drawing will be prepared for the next meeting, at which time the TAC may approve it and submit it to the Commission for consideration. The hotel subcommittee reported that it needed additional time before submitting its final report

EDUCATION

Dr. Richardson recognized Dr. Ron Nutter, who is coordinating preparation of the advanced training course. Dr. Nutter reiterated the results of the survey he had previously disseminated and advised the TAC that 5 respondents had completed the survey, which resulted in 8 major areas. The most important one designated was concern for washrooms and toilet areas. Followed by sensitivity, parking, understanding of why certain aspects of the code are required, vertical accessibility, hotel and motel design, code contradictions, seating and the distinction between ADA and the Florida Code. General discussion followed in which the need was emphasized for understanding how to communicate with persons with disabilities and the rationale behind the necessity for specific code requirements. Dr. Richardson summarized the remarks and commented that she felt the TAC was of the opinion the training should be at the synthesis level for all disciplines. Dr. Nutter concurred and commented that the next phase of course development would proceed in that direction.

COMMENTARY

Mr. Jeffrey Gross stated that the TAC did not have sufficient time to discuss individual comments that had been submitted. Mr. Larry Schneider said that in his opinion the TAC should use the manual developed by the Access Board as a commentary for ADAAG as its base and only direct the TAC's efforts toward those areas in which the Florida code is different. Dr. J. R. Harding moved that the TAC should produce a manual dealing with only the Florida requirements and was seconded by Neil Melick. The motion failed by a vote of 3 for, and 6 against. Dr. Harding moved to develop a manual using the ADAAG commentary as a base with the TAC developing comments on only the Florida

requirements. Following a second by Larry Schneider, the vote of the TAC was unanimous.

DISCUSSION OF NEXT AGENDA

Dr. Richardson instructed staff to schedule one hour for the hotel subcommittee one half hour for the parking subcommittee and one half hour to discuss the advanced education module. Dr. Harding asked that staff research the entity who is overseeing development of a plan to assist persons with disabilities in evacuating buildings during the course of an emergency.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.