

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee
TAC minutes of the May 13, 2002 approved by the FBC May 14, 2002

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by JR Harding, (acting chair), Quorum achieved

Members in attendance:

Diana Richardson, chairperson, Leonard Lipka, Steven Corn, Steve Sensakovic,
Sharon Mignardi, Neil Melick, Bunny Armstrong, JR Harding

Members not in attendance Larry Schneider, Jeff Gross, Pam Darworth

Agenda approved as amended

Minutes of the March, 2002 Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee approved as submitted.

Parking space design sub-committee: Neil Melick asked to defer the report and reconvene at the July meeting to resolve additional parking space design issues and report to the TAC at the next regular meeting.

Hotel accommodation sub-committee: Bunny Armstrong asked the TAC to defer the committee report until the July meeting.

Education: The chair asked to defer the report until the July meeting and staff to design and develop an outline for the TAC to discuss at the next meeting.

Discussion on Legislative action CS/HB 1307 relative to disproportionate cost and how it should be applied to the waiver process. The following four points regarding proposed legislative changes in CS/HB 1307.

- 1) Vertical access four renovation only, new construction requirements remain in place.
- 2) Amendment applies to alterations and renovations only, amendment says that if an applicant demonstrates economic hardship in accordance with the Federal ADA "Path of Travel" requirement which says that if an alteration that affects usability or access to a primary function is made that the path of travel to that area must be made accessible unless it exceeds 20% of the overall cost of the renovation. The amendment would provide 20% as the standard that would be used to determine disproportionality.
- 3) Requires all decisions related to disproportionate cost applicable to vertical accessibility to be determined by the actions of the waiver council and commission.
- 4) The amendment will not affect vertical accessibility requirements to areas that are not considered to be primary function area.

Discussion on "Detectable Warnings" potential code change: After considerate discussion it was determined by the committee that until the Department was notified by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Florida State Accessibility certification would not be in jeopardy.

Agenda: Time projected 3 hours

Issues up for committee discussion are the following:

- 1) Education advanced module development to continue work
- 2) Parking space design sub committees reconvenes
- 3) Hotel sub committee reconvenes
- 4) Access commentary committee reconvenes
- 5) Discussion on accessibility waiver application, and follow up files by staff
- 6) Discussion relative to a resource manual for council members

Full TAC Adjourns 3:10PM - Diana Richardson