

Minutes of Accessibility TAC Meeting  
December 6, 2004

Meeting called to order by Dr. Diana Richardson, Chair at 2:05 PM. Those in attendance were, Jeff Gross, Richard, Leslie, Pam Dorwarth, Dr. JR Harding, Johnny Long, Larry Schneider, Randall Vann, Sharon Mignardi.

Agenda approved with additions of Discussion of DEC Statement Process and deletions of DEC statements 223 and 225. It is understood that the DEC statements will be on the agenda once they meet requirements.

Minutes approved with some typo corrections.

TAC members introduced themselves. There was some miscellaneous discussion thanking Richard for his service to the TAC over the past 20 months or so. He was congratulated on his promotion and Leslie Anderson-Adams was welcomed as the new interim attorney for the Access TAC and Waiver Council. The TAC was informed that Lenny Lipka, Commissioner and Access TAC member had passed away. TAC wishes to express their sympathy to appropriate parties if such information is available.

Discussion of DEC statement process by Richard and some discussion of impact and use of DEC statements. Richard stated that the outcome of the DEC statements would be posted on the Commission's website. DEC statements are situation specific so the outcome of the DEC statement is limited to that particular case. However there is some tendency to extrapolate the outcomes to other situations as well.

Discussion and motion to move miniature golf charrette to May 12, 2005. Motion failed. New motion to move charrette to Tuesday, May 10, 2005 from 8 am to 4 pm. Motion passed unanimously. TAC began development of potential invitees and general approach to the organization of the charrette. List of potential invitees so far include applicants, owners, and design professionals that have submitted applications for miniature golf waivers in the past 18 months, Miniature Golf Association, Florida Disabled Outdoor Association, ADAWG, Agency for Persons with Disabilities (JR will provide names/e-mail addresses), CIL, AIA, ASLA, American Council of the Blind, American Federation of the Blind, Easter Seals, Legal Counsel. Additionally an open invitation will be advertised and those wishing to participate may contact appropriate staff. There was some discussion of finding a neutral moderator to preside over the charrette. Jeff Blair or Dick Browdy were both mentioned as possibilities. It was stressed that the charrette entails a great deal of work and that it is important that people be invited as early on as possible and that the charrette be organized properly. Staff was asked to generate a list of invitees by address, phone numbers and specific contacts using the TACs input as a start.

Two TAC members, Sharon and Pam, did not receive the mailing regarding the 54 questions on the adoption of new ADAAG. Staff are asked to be sure both members receive copies prior to next meeting. Jeff Gross headed preliminary discussion of the questions. The TAC will be asked for specific comments at the next TAC meeting.

All TAC members are to be mailed Ch, 11 of the FBC and 2003 IBC prior to next meeting.

There was discussion of the need to develop shorter accessibility courses because the current 4 hour advanced course is not being used because of its length. After some in depth discussion the TAC agreed to have staff begin the process of identifying some shorter courses between 1 and 2 hours in length that could be offered using the existing 4 hour course as a basis. Examples of shorter courses might be a one hour course on parking and related issues and another on bathrooms and related issues. The TAC wishes to enhance the shorter courses with additional sensitivity awareness information possibly through video clips.

The TAC was adjourned at 5 pm with no further business.