

Florida Building Commission
Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee Report
January 12, 2004

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Diana Richardson at 2:30 P.M. Members present were: Dr. Richardson, Johnny Long, Neil Melick, Leonard Lipka, Sharon Mignard, Larry Schneider, and Jeffery Gross.

Review of the Minutes:

The minutes of the November 17th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Agenda:

The Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Legal Reports:

- A. **Vertical Accessibility** - The legal opinion by former counsel Tim Dennis was discussed. It was brought to the attention of the TAC and Council that Building Officials are asking for guidance with regard to exemptions and whether square footage should play a part in the review.
- B. **Authority of the Accessibility TAC** - The TAC discussed whether or not they had the authority to interpret Chapter 11 of the FBC and make recommendation to the Commission as the basis for a Declaratory Statement.
- C. **Detectable Warnings** - The differences in requirements for areas adjacent to state roads, county roads, municipal roads as opposed to private property were discussed.
- D. **Truncated Domes** - There was discussion of the issue of equivalent facilitation with regard to truncated domes and the requirements of the Florida Building Code and Federal Standards.
- E. **Remote Waiver Application** - The TAC discussed the ability of persons to attend an Accessibility Council meeting from a remote location. Cost issues will be an important consideration and must be researched.

Emergency Evacuation Requirements:

TAC members cast a motion to recommend to the Fire TAC to create a detailed fire evacuation plan for people with disabilities wherever an emergency fire plan is required. The motion recommends that this be an amendment to the Fire Code, and further stated that the input of people with disabilities should be required, in the development of the plan.

Working Group Review of Miniature Golf Course Requirements :

The Working Group would like to create a number of Florida specific regulations for miniature golf courses by means of a charette.

Agenda for March Meeting : The Agenda has been set for the March meeting which includes goal setting for 2004. Another meeting of the Working Group is scheduled.

Adjourn : Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.