

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee
Report of the August 27, 2001 Committee meeting

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by Diana Richardson, Chairman

Members in attendance: Quorum achieved

Diana Richardson, Commissioner and chairperson for the TAC

Dick Browdy, Commissioner

Dan Shaw, Commissioner

Leonard Lipka, Commissioner

JR Harding

Steve Sensakovic

Bunny Armstrong

Jeffrey Gross

Larry Schneider

Sharon Mignardi

Neil Melick

Members not in attendance

Warren Jerrigan

Agenda approved as amended

Minutes of the July, 2001 Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee were approved as amended.

Discussion on TAC attendance: It was recommended that Warren Jerrigan be replaced on the TAC due lack of attendance.

Three break out groups were appointed. The groups consisted of member of the Access TAC and other interested parties and were to address Hotel accommodations, accessible parking space design and educational needs assessment They met to discuss problematic issues, consider solutions for change, and make specific recommendations in reports to the full TAC. The TAC's recommendations are as follows:

Hotel accommodation:

1) Issues identified:

Room accessibility and accessible features

Reservations, insuring accessible rooms to be blocked for the Commission meeting.

Need for conference planner awareness of accessible needs and to work with hotel to insure accessibility awareness.

Parking problems with persons with accessible vans, unloading at entrance not given significant time for loading or un loading.

2) Solutions:

Training DCA's conference planner using accessibility profile.

Conference planner to use Accessibility Code as guidelines for hotel compliance relating to hotels and transient lodging.

TAC liaison to ensure conference planner accurately disseminates information .

DCA conference Planner needs to better understand questions to pose to contracted hotels, relative to accessibility needs of the Commission.

Subcommittee requests October meeting time to further develop recommendations

3)

Recommendations:

- * Contract with the Wyndham as an acceptable accessible hotel site.
- * TAC liaison to work with the conference planner.
- * Sub committee to continue their work and monitor future progress
- * Accessibility awareness , education for hotel staff directed by the hotels general manager working with the conference planner.

Parking space design

Issues:

How to dimensions and measure the single and double parking spaces

Requirements for outlining of parking spaces

Signage for parking spaces

Solution:

Recommendations:

- * Committee to develop a technical assistance drawing(s) to delineate the issues for common resolution and understanding.
- * Signage, is yet to be resolved and the sub-committee requests October meeting time to develop recommendations.

Education needs assessment:

Issues:

Effectiveness of past and current training

Needs assessment of future training

Solution:

Look at non compliance issues as guide for curriculum development.

Set length and level of accessibility training

Recommendations:

- * Two hour accessibility mandatory curriculum.
- * Recommend a representative from Uof F work with the Access TAC to review and make recommendations on and established curriculum.
- * Recommend delivery styles, video, computer, and print
- * Recommend direction on getting assistance with the Florida Code and Federal Code as part of curriculum.
- * Develop a better understanding of the functional aspects of the code for people with disabilities.
- * Train the trainer needed across the board like plumbing, fire, structural.

- * Establish working relationships with BOMA and others represented on the Commission, to produce training materials.
- * TAC to develop a proposal to be delivered to the Educational Ad hoc for consideration in curriculum development.

Report of the Subcommittee on the Accessibility Code Review was accepted and recommends they continue work relevant to reviewing the existing document.

Other business: Recommendation to include language relevant to assessable format availability per law on all Commission materials, agendas, reports etc. Currently the Department publishes the following statement in the public notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly (FAW), which reads:” If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Department of Community Affairs using the Florida Dual Party Relay System which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).”The TAC requests legal to research the ADA requirements and standard statement to be used as a recommendation in the report findings at the Accessibility TAC in October. The legal task to include addressing all accessible formats provided by the law.

October agenda items:

- 1) Report from legal regarding “barrier removal” and enforcement and potential legislative changes, Kathy Butler
- 2) Educational needs assessment subcommittee to develop a proposal for the Educational TAG
- 3) Continue Parking subcommittee work
- 4) Hotel subcommittee to continue recommendations
- 5) Discussion relevant to the Privatization committee as it effects the Accessibility component of the FBC by Doug Murdock
- 6) Review of the Accessibility Code to continue by the subcommittee chaired by Jeff Gross
- 7) Disseminate Commission report on training curriculum relevant to accessibility training.
- 8) Legal to research ADA language relevant to alternative format requirements and recommend an excepted statement to be included on all public documents.

Adjourn 5:30pm