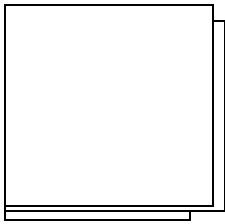


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ACCESS APPEALS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

1:00 P.M.

City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Way, Room 416

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Access Appeals Commission was called to order by President Brown at 1:05 PM.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Alyce G. Brown, President
Ms. Roslyn Baltimore, Vice-President
Ms. Enid Lim
Mr. Francis K. Chatillon

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Linton Stables

CITY REPRESENTATIVES: Mr. Rafael Torres-Gil, DBI, Acting Secretary
Ms. Susan Pangilinan, DBI, Recording Secretary
Ms. Doris M. Levine, Reporter

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

4. REVIEW OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

a. Mr. Torres-Gil and the Commission reviewed the correspondence from Amy Ackerman, Deputy City Attorney regarding the 2003 Sunshine Ordinance Training and it was agreed to shift the presentation of Item #6 of the Agenda to after Public Comment.

b. Mr. Torres-Gil indicated that he had prepared a Staff Report of Appeal #03-01 for presentation to the Commission that would be presented under Item #7 of the Agenda. It was agreed to agendize this appeal for October 22, 2003 and to provide a copy of the prior meeting tapes to Commissioner Lim.

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a) Appeal No. 03-07 (2003/04/21/2757) Mehran Ismaili / Terry Lindahl
1420 Haight Street

Mr. Torres-Gil presented the Summary of the Appeal.

Presentation by Mr. Terry Lindahl, Architect, for Mr. Ismaili.

Commissioner Chatillon inquired of the size of the second floor and Mr. Lindahl confirmed its size at 2,200 sq. ft.

Vice-President Baltimore presented her perspective on the City Planning issues concerning Haight Street and her approval of the degree of accessibility presented by the elevator.

At the request of President Brown, Mr. Lindahl presented an architectural description of the elevator in the store.

Commissioner Lim indicated that the elevator proposal was equivalent especially from her perspective of using a wheelchair.

Vice President Baltimore presented a motion to grant the Unreasonable Hardship for reasons that it provides unrequired access and equivalent facilitation.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

(Item 6 located after Item # 8)

7. STAFF QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Torres-Gil indicated that there were no new appeals pending. He indicated that he would be presenting a staff report on 350 Sansome Street and requesting a review of the AAC Roster with the commissioners for any updates and corrections.

Mr. Torres-Gil handed out the current AAC roster for review. Vice-President Baltimore asked to whom the roster went to Mr. Torres-Gil indicated that it was for internal use only and that there was a separate list for the public. Changes were noted.

The commissioners discussed and agreed to present the Staff Report on 350 Sansome Street at the October 22, 2003 meeting.

President Brown requested an explanation on the permits in general.

Mr. Torres-Gil elaborated on the Office Tenant Improvement permit process, revisions and AAC decisions as they related to OTI permits.

President Brown discussed the need for outreach improvements and public feedback, at AAC meetings, from various community groups. Mr. Torres-Gil suggested the possibility of a draft flyer. General discussion ensued regarding the means for fostering greater participation in AAC meetings with comments by Vice-President Baltimore and Commissioner Lim. President Brown agreed that

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preparation of a draft flyer for discussion and distribution through the AAC secretary would be a good idea.

President Brown inquired about the status of the Accessibility Certification Program. Mr. Torres-Gil indicated that Inspector Ron Tom was most familiar with the program and that he was on vacation. He might be available for a future presentation on this issue. President Brown asked about the makeup of the committee and the participation of disabled individuals.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

6. VIDEOTAPE PRESENTATION:

It was agreed to distribute the videotape on the 2003 Sunshine Laws Training rather than play the video at the meeting. Vice-president Baltimore agreed to view the tape first. President Brown and Commissioner Stables had attended the training and Commissioner Lim had viewed the video at another commission. Commissioner Chatillon would view it after Vice-President Baltimore.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM

Rafael Torres-Gil
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Acting Secretary to the Access Appeals Commission