# MSCOD ACCESS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

MSCOD OFFICE

121 E. 7th Place, Suite 107, St. Paul, MN 55101

9.30 to 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday January 6, 2016

Approved 2/3/2016

## Call to Order

Bob Johnson, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

## Welcome & Introductions

Nate Aalgaard welcomed the members those present included:

* Kim Tyler
* Nate Aalgaard
* Andrea Bejanro-Robinson
* Linda Lingen
* Margot Imdieke Cross, staff
* Shannon Hartwig, staff

## Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion to approve the agenda and minutes was presented by Kim Tyler. The motion was seconded by Linda Lingen, and approved by consensus.

## Committee member participation Local Issues - Discussion

Committee members Aalgaard, and Tyler shared with the group about contacting their local areas on the MSCOD press release (Protect your small business) the document provides information about the ADA Title lll lawsuits, affecting small businesses.

## ADA Title lll issues - Discussion

Staff member Margot Imdieke Cross provided information to the group about the ADA Title lll lawsuits, there is no new information on the cases right now. Margot will report at a later date, on the status of the attorney involved and the business as it is currently under review.

## ADA Barrier Removal Legislation – Report

Staff member Margot Imdieke Cross provided information to the group about the stakeholders group that was drafting legislation in response to the ADA Title lll lawsuits. Currently there are many different positions and opinions in the group. There is no new information on the cases right now. Margot will report at a later date, on the status of the attorney involved and the business as it is currently under review.

## Target Center update

Staff member Margot Imdieke Cross reported that the Target Center Renovation Accessibility Advisory Committee recently met and reviewed access plans for the building renovation. The big issues at the meeting were vertical access, wheelchair accessible seating with good site lines and restroom access. Committee members advised the design team on a number of access issues.

## Other Business

Andrea Bejarano-Robinson provided information to the group about legislative questions she was approached with, from her community. Her response was that she would forward the information to the Legislative Coordinator, and seek assistance on moving forward, if appropriate.

Andrea Bejarano-Robinson was not informed of the meeting. This was not intentional. This was an error made by administrative staff in the mailing out of the notices. Andrea joined the meeting at the scheduled time, and Shannon forwarded the meeting information to her.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.