

## SCCDI HISTORY

- 11/97: John Innes and Wayne Dawson met with Mayor Floyd Adams to discuss the possibility of forming a disability commission.
- 05/28/98: Pat Adkins, Don Tomberlin and Wayne Dawson met with Chairman Billy Hair to discuss the formation of a disability council.
- 08/04/98: *At the August Community Advisory Council meeting at Memorial Med. Center, Wayne Dawson named a committee made up of Peggy Flobeck, Bart Brophy, and Dorie Gaskin to work on an issue and prepare a brief report for the general Council for the 9/24 meeting. He named the 4 of us, and Kay Denham from Goodwill Industries to be on the committee. Since I was present at the meeting, he put me in charge of getting this under way. MMC Community Advisory Council Chair Wayne Dawson asked a sub-committee to discuss, form an opinion on, and give a recommendation to the Council is whether we should try to expand our council to the entire Savannah rehab community. Specifically, Wayne would like us to look at the pros and cons of including St. Joseph/Candler in our Council. This Council was initially formed to serve Memorial. However, as you may have found over the past few months, the Council is reaching out to the Savannah community and is trying to plan events and awareness activities for everyone. At the August meeting, there was discussion about the possible duplication of time, energy, and resources if St. Joseph/Candler is planning their own events and meeting with their own Disability Advisory Council. With the push for the city government to establish a Disability Commission, the question becomes how can our council have an impact for the most people in our community. If combining resources with St. Joseph/Candler is the way to do that, then our Council may need to consider this issue. (Memo from Katie Morrow)*
- 04/14/99: Wayne Dawson met with County Manager Russ Abolt and County Attorney Jon Hart to discuss the formation of a disability council.
- 04/30/99: Chatham Commission passes a motion to form a disability Council. (See 04/30/99 minutes under Chairman's Items) *"Chairman Hair said, the next item is to get some direction from the Commission on the creation of a Citizens Advisory Group on Disability. All of you are aware a couple of weeks ago we took, I think, a very important step and agreed on the Chatham Area Transit Authority to add, first, an ex officio member and then at some point when legislation changes, a full member. There's a lot of work that's been done in recent weeks on a Disability Commission, and the way this is structured is that it would be a commission that would advise both the City Council and the Chatham County Commission on disability issues. You have in your packet a letter from the County Manager that states that he and the County Attorney both think that this would be very valuable input to us if we get this commission established. They're not asking for money or anything of that nature. It's just basically to get our blessing in terms of giving us advice and input, and I'd like to ask consent from the Commission to proceed in support of this commission. Do I have any objection? [No objection was expressed by the Commissioners.] Chairman Hair said, thank you. ACTION OF THE BOARD: The Commissioners gave their assent to support the creation of a*

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*Citizens Advisory Group on Disability to work with the City Council and the Chatham County Commission on disability issues.”*

08/26/99: Alderman C. Jones reported that Council received a memo from City Manager Brown relative to the appointment of an ADA Advisory Committee. He asked City Manager Brown to explain the memo. City Manager Brown stated that within the community, there is increasing interest in ensuring that public facilities and programs are accessible to those persons who have disabilities or handicaps and also to some degree within the private sector, although, these are complementary needs. City Manager Brown said he believed there is a feeling that there ought to be some advice on this by way of community input. Therefore an advisory committee has been formed with people who have “real expertise” in providing input about accessibility. City Manager Brown recommended that the Advisory Committee be actually appointed by Council to give its standing to deal with issues and make recommendations. Mr. Brown recommended the approval of the slate that was given to Council in memorandum form. Alderman Liakakis stated that the individuals on the Advisory Committee will have a lot of input in an advisory capacity to assist the citizens with disabilities. Alderman Liakakis moved that the appointments of the ADA Advisory Committee be approved. This was seconded by Alderman Gebhardt. Alderman Flexon asked if this committee has bylaws or length of terms. City Manager Brown stated that he gave Council a report that describes the intent of the group, its meetings and their issues. This committee does not have regulatory authority and they cannot give mandates to people, but they will consider federal, state, and local rules about building codes, program accessibility and make recommendations as to how these can be approved. The motion carried to approve the following appointments to the ADA Advisory Committee:

Lynn Meeks	- Chatham County Board of Education
Ed Barlett	- Union Camp (Retired)
Forrest Lott	- Lott/Barber Architects
Mike Williams	- United Way
Don Tomberlin	- Memorial Medical Center
Alexander Pelote	- U.S. Postal Service (Retired)
Bob Lapsley	- Retired CEO - Goodwill Industries
Wayne Dawson	- Fair Housing Council
Don Stubbs	- Vice President - Human Resources St. Joseph/Candler
Mitzi Williams	- Attorney

12/99: Press conference to announce the formation of Disability Council (remarks regarding formation of Disability Council)

02/08/00: SCCDI requests funding from Chatham County Commission. (Letter to Russ Abolt)

02/25/00: Commission grants funding (See Commission minutes of 02/25/00) REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF \$870 FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 TO COVER COST OF INTERPRETERS FOR THOSE WITH HEARING AND VISION DISABILITIES (NOTE: FUNDING APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER IN ITEM 1 ABOVE). Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Chairman Hair said, we’ve already approved the funding transfer. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. ACTION OF

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THE BOARD: Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the request for \$870 fee for FY2000 to cover cost of interpreters for those with hearing and vision disabilities. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]