

NOE VALLEY MERCHANTS AND PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
Special Meeting - ADA LAWSUITS - November 5, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

Guest Speaker Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Executive Director, Office of Small Business

The ADA Compliance laws date about twenty years ago.
20% disability improvements are tricky for small businesses
Readily achievable means you do what you can without putting you out of business
Most people sending this type of letters, are counting on the business not going to court, but settling
You can use repairs as tax deductible expenses

Guest Speaker Bassam Altwal, Assoc. AIA, CASp

Discrimination lawsuit
Federal vs State
American population: 8% are temporarily disabled and 13% are 65 of age and over

Guest Speaker Arnie Lerner, AIA, CASp, Principal Lerner + Associates Architect

1950s and historical buildings
Some buildings required a revision of facility every year
Permit history is useful for these purposes
The inspection fee is between \$800-1500

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.