

Minutes

Commission on Disability Concerns Meeting

August 5, 2024

Minutes of the COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS held on Monday, August 5, 2024, 6:30 p.m., held both In-Person & Virtually: Tempe Public Library 2nd Floor Conference Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282 & Microsoft Teams at the following link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) or by telephone: (480) 498-8745, United States, Phoenix (Toll), Conference ID: 762 995 762#

(MEMBERS) Present:

Kathy Jefferson (Chair)
Rachel Gomez (Vice Chair)
Irene Mochel
Krista Smiley
Genevieve Vega
David Kader
Jacob Bunch
Pat McNamara

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Steven Tokos

City Staff Present:

Elena Hale, Staff Liaison
Dr. Velicia McMillan Humes, Chief Diversity Officer
Monique Perry, ADA Coordinator

Guests

None.

Call to Order

Commissioner Jefferson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Native Land Acknowledgement Statement

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

None.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes: June 3, 2024

Commissioner Vega made a motion to approve the June 3rd minutes, Commissioner Gomez seconded. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – All Abilities Subcommittee Report

Commissioners Bunch, Vega, and Gomez introduced the commission to their updates on the nomination form and proposed a sponsorship document. Commissioners discussed adding language emphasizing developmental ages. The Commission expressed gratitude to the group for their work.

Agenda Item 5 – All Abilities Nomination Form + Sponsorship Document Vote

Commissioner Kader made a motion to approve the nomination form and proposed sponsorship document. Commissioner Smiley seconded. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Commission on Disability Concerns 2024-2025 Goals

Elena proposed having a facilitated CDC retreat to provide commissioners with the opportunity to “take a deep dive” into planning the future goals of the commission. Chair Jefferson expressed support of this idea and mentioned in her 4 years on the commission this had not taken place. Commissioner Vega mentioned she was interested in working alongside other commissions and advocating for the CDC initiatives. Commissioners expressed interest in moving forward with this process; Elena will contact the facilitator and get a timeline together, Monique will oversee.

Agenda Item 7 – Announcements

TABLED due to time.

Agenda Item 8 – Proposed Future Agenda Items

- September Meeting;
 - o Identify work groups for All Abilities, roles and responsibilities
 - o Pre-work
- TFMR + PD for First responders: presentation + discussion
 - o De-escalation tactics
 - o The differences in their training and approaches
 - o For neurodivergent community

Motion made by Commissioner Vega to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Commissioner Gomez.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Prepared by: Elena Hale

Reviewed by: Velicia McMillan Humes