

Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
April 4, 2016

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, April 4, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Board Room, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

MEMBERS Present:

Chair Irene Mochel
Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz
Ben Campbell
Wendy Benz
Diane Moran
Tom Ringhofer

MEMBERS Absent:

Jeff Oats
Rachel Phillips
Kim W. Fisher

Guests:

Joshua Bell, Sr. Recreation Coordinator

Diversity Staff Present:

Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Chair Irene Mochel called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Public Appearances

None

Item 1 - Consideration of Minutes MCDC – February 1, 2016 Minutes

The March 7, 2016 CDC Minutes were **APPROVED** with minor corrections.

Motion: **Tom Ringhofer**, Commissioner.

Second: **Ben Campbell**, Commissioner. **Motion carried.**

Item 2 –City of Tempe Adapted Recreation – Joshua Bell, Sr. Recreation Coordinator

Senior Recreation Coordinator Joshua Bell shared information on recreational programs for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The programs have been successful for decades. They include:

- Camp Challenge - June/July for special education students ages 5 to 21
- LEAP: Life Skills enrichment After-School Program (2:00 – 6:00p.m.)
- Special Olympics Arizona: 9 sports over the year
- Buddy Bowling: ages 8 to adult; multiple divisions
- Classes and special events: Zumba, Friday Night Social Activities

Volunteers are the backbone of these programs and more are always needed. The program could grow but is constrained by budget, space and staffing. They recently applied for a grant for a wheelchair accessible vehicle for transportation to events. Friday events are dovetailed around other similar events in the East Valley – Scottsdale, Mesa, Chandler and others, to facilitate opportunities throughout the month, minimize impact to other programs and cost.

Wish list includes a larger facility that would have sufficient space for a functional kitchen, gym, rooms and outdoor recreation spaces. With a larger budget more staff and educational supplies, such as computers and Chrome books could be purchased. Tremendous funding sources that support the program include Team

ASA who conducts fund raisers such as the Polar Plunge, Buddy Bowling, and more. They cover the cost of physicals that are needed to participate in sanctioned Special Olympic events.

Item 3 - Mayor's Disability Awards Planning – Comm. Rachel Phillips

Staff reported: All arrangements have been finalized. Event information is on line at www.tempe.gov/disabilityawards. The event will be on April 12, 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts, Lakeside Room. Registration is full. A full 200 are expected to attend. Winners have all RSVP'd and accommodations are confirmed. Food has been confirmed for 200. The program includes the link where pictures can be obtained after the event: <https://cityoftempe.shutterfly.com>.

Sponsors include: Tempe Diablos, Ryan Ames, Cole, Irene, Lynn and Amy Mochel, Al Jones, and Bobbies Flowers and gift shop. The script includes recognition of the sponsors.

Commissioners volunteering to assist should come at 1:30 p.m. to help with set up. Winners are to arrive at 2:30 for check in to assist per the sign-up sheet. Assistance is needed to place programs/highlights on the seats; set up awards; decorate the stage and greet attendees.

Staff thanked Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz for the contact for the performer Justin Toler, of Best Buddies Arizona, as that will be a fitting start to the event.

Item 4 – Discussion and possible action regarding Technology and Information Access for Individuals with Cognitive Disabilities – Comm. Kim W. Fisher

Item deferred until next month.

Item 5 – Promoting Toilet Room Access – Comm. Tom Ringhofer

Chair Irene Mochel said that October is National Disability Month and a blurb in the Tempe Today on toilet room access, the job fair, and parking access would be

helpful. A draft will be provided at the next meeting. A cartoon depicting the issues was located and will also be provided at the next meeting.

Item 6 – Sharing Accomplishments with City Council – Chair Irene Mochel

Staff reported that the Highlights on accomplishments were shared with City Council last week.

Item 7 – ADA Transition Plan Status – Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz

The summary of the ADA self-evaluation was provided. The ADA Transition Plan Open House, to kick off the 3-week public involvement process, is scheduled for May 4th at the Tempe Library. Two identical sessions will be provided from 10 to Noon and 5 to 7p.m. Notification post cards will be mailed out to about 1500 on the mailing list. A PSA has been created and will be sent out a week prior to the Open House. A survey will be available on-line, and on hard copy, to capture comments.

Item 8 – Announcements

No announcements were provided.

Motion to adjourn: **Commissioner Tom Ringhofer**
Second: **Commissioner Diane Moran**: Approved
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

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