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**Minutes**  
**Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns**  
**October 1, 2018**

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Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, October 1, 2018, 6:30 p.m., at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd., Board Room, Tempe, Arizona, 85282.

**MEMBERS Present:**

Chair Wendy Dietrich  
Vice-Chair Katherine Schmidt  
Ben Campbell  
Jeff Oats by conference phone  
Jeffrey Sherman  
Paul Bennewitz  
Rene Williams

**MEMBERS Absent:**

Paul Kent  
Maranda M. Childress

**Guests:**

John Federico, VMAAG Representative  
Irene Mochel, Former Commissioner  
Vanessa Spartan, AICP, Planner II,  
Robert Yabes, Principle Planner

**Office of Strategic Management and Diversity Staff Present:**

Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

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**Chair Wendy Dietrich** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda items were addressed in the following order.**

**Item 1. Call to the Public.**

No comments.

**Item 5. Discussion: Arizona Open Meeting Law Revision**

New legal requirements of the open meeting law have changed:

- How members are recorded as present or absent
- The general description of matters considered in the minutes
- The process of taking motions, legal actions, proposals
- The record of how each member has voted
- How long meeting minutes are retained: permanently

**Item 2. Review and Approval of Minutes – August 6, 2018 Minutes**

**Votes**

**Motion:** Approval of the August 6, 2018 CDC Minutes.

**Motion:** Comm. Rene Williams,  
**Second:** Comm. Jeffrey Sherman  
**Motion carried unanimously,**  
**7 approved, 0 opposed, 2 absent**

Wendy Dietrich  
 Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.  
 Rene Williams  
 Paul Kent  
 Maranda Childress  
 Ben Campbell  
 Paul Bennewitz  
 Jeffrey C. Oats by phone  
 Jeffrey Sherman

**Item 8. Discussion: Oct. 30 – Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Disability Job Fair**

The Tempe Presents: Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Disability Job Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library, in the Lower Level. About 15 employers will be on hand.

DES Rehabilitation Service Administration (RSA) and Arizona@Work will provide up to 15 employers and 10 or more American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters through 1 p.m. Workshops will have Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) and ASL Interpreters available.

Vice Chair Catherine Schmidt volunteered to staff the CDC table at the job fair.

**Item 10. Discussion: Nov. 27 – Youth Mock Interview Appaloosa**

The Youth Mock Interview Appaloosa will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library, in the Lower Level. About 15 employers will be on hand.

Vice Chair Catherine Schmidt and Commissioner Jeffery Sherman volunteered to staff the CDC table at this event.

**Item 9. Discussion: Nov 6\* – LDP: ADA Hot Topics Training**

This training will focus on employment, cultural and linguistic inclusion, the ADA Transition Plan and more. Contact staff if you wish to attend. It is free, but RSVP is required. Training will have CART and ASL Interpreters. \* correction: Nov 8.

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### **Item 3. Presentation: North/South Spur Line Multi-Use Path- Transportation Planner Vanessa Spartan, AICP**

A PowerPoint presentation and information from a staff report was provided by Transportation Planner Vanessa Spartan, AICP.

#### **OVERVIEW**

The City of Tempe's North/South Rail Spur Multi-Use Path project is a joint City of Tempe/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project. This Phase I project is located along and adjacent to the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) corridor between Baseline Road and University Drive.

The pathway will share the paved roadway along Kyrene Road and Farmer Avenue and will be in currently undeveloped portions of UPRR's spur line corridor between Southern Avenue and 13th Street. This project is approximately 3.1-miles.

A future Phase II would extend the path south to Knox Road. The combined Phase I and II efforts will eventually provide a 7-mile connection.

#### **PROJECT HISTORY**

In 2012 the City of Tempe received a Design Assistance Grant from the Maricopa Association of Governments to study the full corridor extents (University Drive to Knox Road). That process concluded with a preliminary design recommendation in January 2015. The Transportation Commission was updated in May 2014 and December 2014 on that preliminary design effort. Following completion of the preliminary design, the City then applied for CMAQ funds to complete design and construction of the project.

A design team was hired in 2017 to develop and design construction documents for a buildable project that strives to provide a safe and low-stress north/south bicycle facility that spans the city limits.

## PROJECT INTENT

The City of Tempe is dedicated to enhancing the community by creation of attractive, convenient multi-use path corridors for bicycles, pedestrians and other non-motorized users. Key features include:

- Integrates into the City of Tempe's pathway network to provide a vital north/south connection
- Improves pedestrian/bicyclist safety by providing an alternate route to existing north/south arterial and collector roadways
- Provides signalized crossing points of Baseline Road, Southern Avenue, Broadway Road and 13<sup>th</sup> Street
- Fills in a missing link between pathway facilities already constructed to north and south of project limits.

## DESIGN GOALS

The goals for this non-motorized multi-use path design include:

- Providing safe mobility for all
- Utilize City right-of-way when available
- Coordinate with Union Pacific Railroad where needed
- Provide safe/signalized crossings across busy roadways
- Include sidewalks and curb, return ramp upgrades, potential installation of railing/fencing when adjacent to the UPRR spur line, lighting, landscaping, three node areas, roadway striping, existing traffic signal modifications, new pedestrian signals, potential UPRR gate installation, and wayfinding signage.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Four public meetings are anticipated (two at approximately 30% design stage and two at a later design stage). Additionally, future updates to City Council and boards and commissions will be held as the project progresses. The first two public meetings will be held in October 2018 to introduce the project, present the 30% design drawings, and collect public feedback on the project direction.

This feedback will inform revisions and priorities for improvements on the corridor.

**PUBLIC MEETING 1**

October 3, 2018  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Culinary Dropout,  
149 S. Farmer Ave.

**PUBLIC MEETING 2**

October 13, 2018  
9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.  
Landing Credit Union  
2800 S. Mill Ave.

Those unable to attend either of the meetings are encouraged to visit the project website: [www.tempe.gov/NorthSouthRailroadPath](http://www.tempe.gov/NorthSouthRailroadPath) for more detailed information and to provide input online. Input on this phase will be taken October 3 – 27, 2018.

**NEXT STEPS**

Public meetings will be held October 2018 to collect input on the 30% design documents. The 60% design documents are anticipated in late 2018. The 90% design documents and environmental clearance are anticipated by spring 2019.

The final design documents are scheduled to be submitted to FHWA and ADOT by summer 2019 to obligate the federal funds secured for the project. Project construction is estimated to late 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Programmed funding for Phase 1 design includes \$507,000 from the City transit fund. Programmed funding for Phase 1 construction includes \$2.3 million in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds and \$220,000 in City transit funds.

**For questions, contact Vanessa Spartan, AICP Transportation Planner  
480-350-2897 or at [Vanessa\\_Spartan@tempe.gov](mailto:Vanessa_Spartan@tempe.gov)**

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#### Item 4. Review and approval of CDC 2018 Annual Report and 2019 Goals

A draft CDC 2018 Annual Report which is to be provided to City Council was reviewed, discussed, and offered for approval.

**Motion:** Approval of the draft 2018 CDC Annual Report.

**Motion:** Comm. Ben Campbell,  
**Second:** Comm. Jeffrey Sherman  
**Motion carried unanimously,  
7 approved, 0 opposed, 2 absent**

#### Votes

Wendy Dietrich  
 Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.  
 Rene Williams  
 Paul Kent  
 Maranda Childress  
 Ben Campbell  
 Paul Bennewitz  
 Jeffrey C. Oats by phone  
 Jeffrey Sherman

A list of possible 2019 Goals was reviewed, discussed and offered for approval. All goals were selected for inclusion in the Annual Report, with refinement to be addressed in future meetings.

**Motion:** Approval of the draft 2019 Goals.

**Motion:** Comm. Jeffrey Oats  
**Second:** Vice Chair Katherine Schmidt  
**Motion carried unanimously,  
7 approved, 0 opposed, 2 absent**

#### Votes

Wendy Dietrich  
 Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.  
 Rene Williams  
 Paul Kent  
 Maranda Childress  
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## **Item 6. Discussion: Adaptive Recreation**

Chair Wendy Dietrich provided information on the Rio Salado Master Plan and the need for more accessible activities to be available to the public. An Adaptive Parcourse, and installation of accessible exercise equipment along the sidewalk, was discussed. Additionally, in previous meetings Commissioners agreed that CDC support would be beneficial. Inquiry into equipment possibilities was completed with Ability360. They may be able to support the effort with funding or fund raising. They are interested in helping with the effort and have provided information on equipment manufacturers. Tempe Landscape Architect Dave McClure has been involved.

Chair Wendy Dietrich said, she and Commissioner Jeff Sherman, Landscape Architect, met to review the area. The site is easy to get to. Commissioner Paul Bennewitz was also invited to attend but was not able to do so. The location of the potential site is good. It will need some remedial attention regarding ADA compliance and access regarding the parking lot. It will need lights and that could be solar lighting. A platform/retaining wall may be needed, but that would be determined later.

In discussing cost, it is estimated that it could be between \$100,000 and if a restroom is added and other amenities (wish list) it could potentially be up to \$300,000.

A preliminary plan of the proposed site will be provided next month to provide a sense of the vision and layout of the Adaptive Parcourse.

### **Q&A**

Comm. Rene Williams: Is there water?

Comm. Jeff Sherman: There is a manhole cover indicating sewer, so there may be water as well.

**NEXT STEP:** The preliminary plan will be provided at next meeting and Commissioners may comment on it.



**Item 7. Review & Approval: 2019 Disability Awards and Sponsor Categories**

Discussion was held on Sponsor Categories and the following was proposed:

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| <p><b>Title Sponsorship</b></p>    | <p>\$1000<br/>minimum</p> | <p><b>Title Sponsor on printed materials</b><br/> <b>Four (4) seats located in the premium area</b><br/>                 Photo with Mayor/ City Council at awards<br/>                 Name/logo in printed program<br/>                 Name/logo on sponsorship signage<br/>                 Certificate of thanks from the City of Tempe</p>  |
| <p><b>Shared Sponsorship</b></p>   | <p>\$ 500</p>             | <p><b>Shared Sponsors on printed materials</b><br/> <b>Two (2) seats located in the premium area</b><br/>                 Photo with Mayor/ City Council at awards<br/>                 Name/logo in printed program<br/>                 Name/logo on sponsorship signage<br/>                 Certificate of thanks from the City of Tempe</p> |
| <p><b>Honorary Sponsorship</b></p> | <p>\$ 250</p>             | <p><b>Photos with Mayor/ City Council at awards</b><br/>                 Name/Logo in printed program<br/>                 Name/Logo on sponsorship signage<br/>                 Certificate of thanks from the City of Tempe</p>  |
| <p><b>Friend Sponsorship</b></p>   | <p>\$ Any</p>             | <p>Name/logo in printed program<br/>                 Name/logo on sponsorship signage<br/>                 Certificate of thanks from the City of Tempe</p>  |

**Motion:** Approval of the sponsor categories as indicated.

**Motion:** Comm. Jeffrey Oats

**Second:** Chair Wendy Dietrich

**Motion carried unanimously,**

**6 approved, 1 opposed, 2 absent**

### Votes

Wendy Dietrich

Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.

Rene Williams

Paul Kent

Maranda Childress

Ben Campbell

Paul Bennewitz

Jeffrey C. Oats by phone

Jeffrey Sherman

## Item 11. Discussion: Commission and Staff Announcements

### Tempe's BEST Program

Tempe was awarded the \$124,731 Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council grant to create a diverse workforce for people with Developmental Disabilities. Tempe's BEST Program – Building Employment, Supports and Training program's proposed activities include changing the culture of Tempe through Personnel policy revision, and training and hiring individuals with disabilities. This program is a joint department application through Human Services, Tempe Community Council, Human Resources, and the Strategic Management and Diversity Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next CDC meeting: Monday, November 5, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Reviewed by:



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Ginny Belousek, Office of Strategic Management & Diversity Manager