



Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
January 7, 2019

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, January 7, 2019, 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
Paul Kent
Jeff Oats
Rene Williams
Bethany Lien
Maranda M. Childress

MEMBERS Absent:

Ben Campbell
Vacant Position

Guests:

John Federico, VMAAG and Tempe Transportation Comm. Representative
Irene Mochel, Former Commissioner
Parrish Spisz, City Council Aide II
Samantha Mason, Recreation Coordinator

Office of Strategic Management and Diversity Staff Present:

Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

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

An announcement was made that Commissioner Jeff Sherman submitted his resignation as he was moving out of the city.

Item 1. Call to the Public.

No comments

Item 2. Discussion: Welcome New Commissioner and Orientation

New Commissioner Bethany Lien was introduced, Commissioners spoke a little about their interests. A Commission Handbook was shared that includes disability etiquette and information on Commission priorities.

Item 3. Review and Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2018 Minutes

Motion: Approval of the December 3, 2018 CDC Minutes

Motion: Comm. Rene Williams

Second: Comm. Jeffrey Oats

Motion carried unanimously, 7 approved, 1 absent, 1 vacancy

Votes

Wendy Dietrich
 Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.
 Rene Williams
 Paul Kent
 Maranda Childress
 Ben Campbell
 Bethany Lien
 Jeffrey C. Oats
 Vacancy

Item 4. Presentation: Tempe Mesa Streetcar Feasibility Study by Deron Lozano, Valley Metro

This item was postponed.

Item 5. Review & Approval: Scooters in the public right-of-way recommendation letter to the Mayor

Discussion was held. Commissioners have had difficulty themselves or heard of others who have had difficulty accessing the sidewalks and curb ramps due scooters left in the right-of-way. This is also in response to a public comment made by John Federico, in the previous meeting.

Draft letter was prepared by staff to support city efforts to minimize impact of scooters on Tempe right-of-way and to preserve ADA required access. Discussion included recommended edits. The final letter will be edited by Chair Wendy Dietrich, for submission to the Mayor.

Motion: Submit edited letter to the Mayor:

Motion: Comm. Paul Kent

Second: Comm. Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.

Motion carried unanimously, 7 approved, 1 absent, 1 vacancy

Votes

Wendy Dietrich
 Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.
 Rene Williams
 Paul Kent
 Maranda Childress
 Ben Campbell
 Bethany Lien
 Jeffrey C. Oats
 Vacancy

Item 6. Review and Approval: Selection of 2019 Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioners voted for 2019 CDC Chair and Vice Chair:

Motion: The CDC recommends Wendy Dietrich as Chair and Katherine Schmidt Ph.D. Vice Chair

Motion: Comm. Paul Kent

Second: Comm. Jeffrey Oats

Motion carried unanimously, 7 approved, 1 absent, 1 vacancy

Votes

Wendy Dietrich
 Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.
 Rene Williams
 Paul Kent
 Maranda Childress
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 Vacancy

Item 7. Discussion: 2019 Disability Awards – Status Update

Sponsorships: \$250 has been received from former Commissioner Irene Mochel. Emails were sent out to prior sponsors and others. Sponsorship requests will be shared via social media in the next week or so.

Website: The website page is active. Nominations and Sponsorship information is available at www.tempe.gov/disabilityawards.

Marketing: Information will be sent out through Tempe's Public Information Office next week. About 100 emails were sent out last week to businesses and agencies. Please share information through your networks.

2020 Award Sponsorship application for student awards was submitted to the Tempe Diablos, for the same amount as requested previously: \$2,400.

Item 8. Discussion: 2020 Disability Awards- TCA Disability Art Exhibit

Inquiry on whether the art exhibit space could be used for the 2020 event was made and the space is booked out for 2020. However, if we want to use the lobby space, that may be a possibility, however it would compete for table space. Vice Chair Schmidt said she could check with Art Awakenings who showcase art created by individuals with behavioral health disabilities to see if they could manage a display in the lobby for 6-8 easels.

Commissioner Kent and Chair Dietrich said that perhaps Tempe Art Administrator Maja Aurora who coordinates city art installations may be of assistance. Questions to answer include whether there would be any extra costs and who would provide the easels, set up, etc.

Item 9. Discussion: Adapted Recreation / Parcourse

Adapted Recreation. City Council Aide II Parrish Spisz and Adapted Recreation Coordinator Samantha Mason provided an update regarding the Council Workgroup on Adapted Recreation. Surveys and research indicate that Tempe residents are most interested in inclusivity in all aspects of recreation. Plans are being developed to hire trained inclusivity staff and ensure that recreation catalogs and website include information on providing accommodations.

Current locations of adaptive programming are maxed out and there is a waiting list. Discussion was held on what inclusion might look like for Kid Zone, classes, programs and camps. Research regarding staff to participant ratios, accommodations processes, and coordination required to facilitate proactive inclusion is in progress. Tempe has some after-school and seasonal camps, Special Olympic programs that are adaptive, that are existing. These include growth and development, social/recreation opportunities, mental health and social recreation, training and more.

Commissioners were invited to attend a February 4th Public Hearing at 4 p.m. in Room A, in the lower level of the Tempe Public Library, on Adapted Recreation plans, being proposed.

Parks has developed a draft Inclusive Playground Manual to facilitate disability inclusion in new development and renovations of existing playgrounds. A copy of the draft was provided. Staff will make copies and distribute at the next meeting.

Parcourse. Chair Dietrich has been working with city staff in Community Development and Public Works, Parks per Strategic Management and Diversity Office Director Rosa Inchausti's direction. The Parcourse location can sustain the development. Water sources are available for restroom and drinking fountains, when developed.

There is room for accessible parking spaces and the nearest public transit stop is on Mill, Northbound, NE side.

The next step is to determine if funding can be facilitated in the five-year operating budget planning process for capital improvement programs, for future development.

Item 10. Discussion: Commission and Staff Announcements

Tempe's BEST Program Coordinator Dr. Max Ryser has been hired. A quarterly report will be shared with the Commission when its available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Prepared by Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Reviewed by:

Ginny Belousek

Ginny Belousek, Diversity Manager