



**Minutes**  
**Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns**  
**March 1, 2021**

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, March 1, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Virtual meeting.

**Members Present: 9**

- ✓ Chair Katherine Schmidt
- ✓ Vice Chair Irene Mochel-Late
- ✓ Bethany Lien
- ✓ Jeff Oats (arrived late)

**Members Absent: 0**

- ✓ Maranda M. Childress
- ✓ Paul Kent
- ✓ Rene Williams
- ✓ Tracey Maye
- ✓ Viki Peer

**Guests:**

- John Federico, public appearance
- Kathy Blaze, public appearance
- Scott Lindbloom, public appearance

**Staff Present:**

- Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist
- Mark Day, Tempe Municipal Budget Director

**Chair Katherine Schmidt** called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Call to the Public. Each guest introduced themselves

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2021 Minutes**

**Motion:** Approval of the February 1, 2021 CDC Minutes with a correction

**Motion:** Comm. Jeff Oats

**Second:** Comm. Tracey Maye



Motion carried unanimously, 8 Yes-Approved, 1 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Votes:

- |   |                      |   |               |
|---|----------------------|---|---------------|
| Y | Katherine Schmidt    | Y | Paul Kent     |
| A | Irene Mochel         | Y | Rene Williams |
| Y | Bethany Lien         | Y | Tracey Maye   |
| Y | Jeff Oats            | Y | Viki Peer     |
| Y | Maranda M. Childress |   |               |

**3. Discussion: City of Tempe Budget**

Mark Day, Tempe Municipal Budget Director, presented on the topics outlined below and answered questions.

- A. Overview of the City's FY 2020-21 Operating and Capital Budgets
- B. Discussion of the economic impacts of COVID-19 on the City's budgets
- C. How the community can provide input and participate in the budget development process
- D. Links provided to Information and Resources on the City's budget, including a link to the online budget survey via Tempe Forum

**4. Discussion: Tempe Diablos Grant/Mayors Awards Ceremony**

Nanette reported on the following:

- A. The CDC did not get funding from Diablos this year
- B. We will look to get other sponsors, based on previous
- C. We have not yet sent out the application for scholarships but will soon
- D. We will do a virtual ceremony where each recipient will meet virtually with the Mayor then our Tempe 11 team will edit and put together one production that will include captioning and interpreting
- E. That will then show on Channel 11, Facebook, etc.

**Motion:** Proceed with the Mayors Awards Ceremony, with only student nominations.

**Motion:** Comm. Jeff Oats

**Second:** Paul Kent

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

Chair Katherine Schmidt asked if Nanette could send a short summary of each student to the group or by the next meeting.

### **5. Updates: ADA Compliance Specialist**

Nanette updated the Commission on a variety of current efforts, including the following talking points, via a PowerPoint slide:

- A. ADOT Report was submitted
- B. Nanette will be assisting with a Vaccine 411 on March 3rd
- C. She has been conducting plan reviews for various departments
- D. Phase II of the GRIC Wayfinding Grant will start soon
- E. Tempe is educating all employees on digital accessibility and email signatures
- F. Nanette recently met with CaptionCall

Chair Katherine Schmidt asked if Nanette could send information to the group about CaptionCall.

Commissioner Paul Kent asked about the level of current accessibility on the City of Tempe website and reported some findings from a web access tool he tried. After a discussion, the group agreed that it would be helpful to have someone from the City come talk about the efforts to make the Tempe.gov website more accessible. Nanette agreed to contact a representative and have them present at the May meeting.

### **6. Acknowledge Outgoing Commissioner – Maranda**

Maranda M. Childress announced that she resigned from the Commission due to other obligations. She showed the plaque she received from the City and Nanette read the email sent to her by the Mayor. The group thanked Maranda for her years of service.

Nanette reported that the top 3 names for a replacement have already been sent for review and it's hoped that the new Commission will be able to start in April.



**7. Discussion: Announcements - None**

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:30 pm - Virtual**

- Craig Hayton, Deputy Director, Community Services, Parks & Recreation
- Awards Ceremony Efforts

**Motion:** Adjourn the meeting

**Motion:** Comm. Jeff Oats

**Second:** Comm. Paul Kent

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Minutes prepared by Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist