



MINUTES
MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS
JANUARY 3, 2022
VIRTUAL MEETING

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, January 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Virtual meeting.

Members Present: 8

- ✓ Chair Katherine Schmidt
- ✓ Vice Chair Irene Mochel - Late
- ✓ Jeff Oats
- ✓ Rene Williams
- ✓ Jacob Bunch

Members Absent: 1

- ✓ Bethany Lien
- ✓ Paul Kent
- ✓ Kathy Jefferson
- A Kevin Cullens

Guests:

- John Federico
- Doreen Garlid, Councilmember

Staff Present:

- Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist

Chair Katherine Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Councilmember Doreen Garlid introduced herself to the group.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2021 MINUTES

Motion: Approval of December 6th, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Comm. Jeff Oats , **Second:** Comm. Rene Williams

Motion: Carried unanimously

3. DISCUSSION:

CDC Chair, Katherine Schmidt reminded the Commissioners that elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held in February and encouraged them to consider nomination options.

Kathy Jefferson introduced herself as the newest Commissioner. She reported living in Tempe for over 30 years and working in the disability field for over 20 years.

4. GUEST PRESENTATION: RUTH-ANN STROM, TEMPE ARC

Ruth-Ann Strom introduced herself and talked about efforts of the Tempe ARC to serve the needs of the disability community, especially amidst Covid-19. She reported that their efforts shifted to virtual programming last year and this has been very successful. For example, they have virtual art lessons that are held after staff drop off art packets to members around the valley. They also hold virtual dances that have included people from all over the valley who may not have ever attended before due to transportation challenges, etc.

Currently, they are looking to lease space to eventually hold more programming when distancing concerns are reduced.

Ms. Strom answered questions by the Commissioners and provided links for them to contact her.

5. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: 2022 MAYORS DISABILITY AWARDS EVENT

With a draft of the 2022 Nomination packet previously sent to the Commissioners, feedback was discussed and changes to the document were made during the meeting. Changes included:

- Simplifying the document to about 1 page that would be embedded into emails and on the website, linking to the actual online form.
- Removing, relocating or simplifying some of the language under “Eligibility Requirements”.
- Including a step-by-step process which mentions the post-nomination request for pictures and video recorded interviews of nominators only after the nominee has been accepted.



The document itself will be available online. The nomination effort will be promoted via a Tempe Press Release, social media, to the local schools, Ability360 and other disability-related organizations, etc.

6. UPDATES: ADA COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

Nanette updated and demonstrated efforts on a variety of current efforts including:

- Annual ADOT Report
- GRIC – Phase II Efforts related to internal wayfinding

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022

MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion: Comm. Paul Kent, **Second:** Comm. Jeff Oats

Motion: Carried unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:52 PM

Minutes prepared by Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist