



**MINUTES**  
**MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2022**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, February 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Virtual meeting.

Members Present: 8

- ✓ Chair Katherine Schmidt
- ✓ Vice Chair Irene Mochel - Late
- ✓ Rene Williams
- ✓ Jacob Bunch
- ✓ Kevin Cullens

Members Absent: 1

- ✓ Bethany Lien
- ✓ Paul Kent
- ✓ Kathy Jefferson
- A Jeff Oats

Guests:

- John Federico
- Lindsey Tate
- Wendy

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**

Guest John Federico reminded us all that Valley Metro has a Disability Advisory Group and hopes that more Tempe residents, with disabilities, will get involved.

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 3RD, 2022 MINUTES**

**Motion:** Approval of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Minutes

**Motion:** Comm. Jacob Bunch, **Second:** Vice Chair Irene Mochel

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

**3. DISCUSSION**

No additional discussions



**4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: 2022 MAYORS DISABILITY AWARDS EVENT**

Nanette updated the group on efforts to notify the public of the April 5<sup>th</sup> event and solicit nominations for the various categories. Efforts included emails out to the various school district contacts from previous year, via a social media campaign through the Tempe PIO, etc. Only 3 formal nominations have come in so everyone was encouraged to share via their own social media accounts also.

The topic of a keynote speaker was discussed and will be secured, based on feedback from the Commissioners.

The topic of awards, flowers for the kids, etc. was discussed. Nanette will work with Irene on some of the previous live event efforts.

**5. NOMINATIONS AND VOTING: CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

**Motion:** Re-Nominate Katherine Schmidt as Chair

**Motion:** Comm. Rene Williams, **Second:** Comm. Paul Kent

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

**Motion:** Nominate Paul Kent as the new Vice Chair

**Motion:** Chair Katherine Schmidt, **Second:** Comm. Bethany Lien

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

**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, MARCH 7, 2022**

**MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING**

**Motion:** Comm. Rene Williams, **Second:** Vice Chair Irene Mochel

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:21 PM

Minutes prepared by Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist