



MINUTES
MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS
MAY 2, 2022
IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2022, 6:30 p.m., In-person and Virtual meeting.

Members Present: 7

- ✓ Chair Katherine Schmidt
- ✓ Jacob Bunch
- ✓ Kathy Jefferson
- ✓ Bethany Lien

Members Absent: 1

- ✓ Irene Mochel
- ✓ Jeff Oats
- ✓ Rene Williams
- A Vice Chair Paul Kent

Guests:

- Heidi Kimball, Sunbelt Holdings
- Lorenzo Perez, Venue Projects

Staff Present:

- Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist
- Ginny Belousek, Diversity Manager
- Maria Laughner, Deputy Economic Development Director
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Chair Katherine Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 4TH, 2022 MINUTES

Motion: Approval of April 4th, 2022 Minutes

Motion: Comm. Rene Williams **Second:** Comm. Irene Mochel

Motion: Carried unanimously

3. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: HAYDEN FLOUR MILL REDEVELOPMENT

Maria Laughner, Tempe Deputy Economic Development Director introduced then Heidi Kimball, Sunbelt Holdings and Lorenzo Perez, Venue Projects presented on the proposed efforts for the Hayden Flour Mill redevelopment.

After a presentation showing comparable projects and draft concepts and timelines for the redevelopment, input from Commissioners included:

- Recommendations to make sure there are accessible drop off zones for rideshare
- Incorporating wayfinding throughout the project. Expounded recommendations from Nanette include: wayfinding strips built into walking surfaces, path boundaries that provide cane detection but also provide visual contrast/glow at night, the potential for wayfinding beacons that sync with an app, etc.
- Working towards the new ANSI A117.1 revision that includes higher standards than the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design (accounts for the increasing number of scooter users, etc. who need wider clearance, turn radius, etc.)

4. Discussion: Debrief of the 2022 Mayor's Disability Awards Event

The Mayor's Disability Awards event was held on April 5th and a good deal was discussed on how to make it more effective in the future.

Discussions included:

- Location: Going back to the TCA or looking at other options, especially knowing we would want to be back to post-Covid attendance.
- Timing: The 3-5 timeframe does not work well for teachers so moving it to a 4-6 pm event may be helpful for them.
- Soliciting Nominations: Since it has always been a struggle to get nominations, having CDC members go into the schools to help encourage them to nominate.



- Food: Only having cookies or popcorn and water and/or lemonade instead of the other options brought in for this event (fruit, veggies, cheese plates, etc.)
- Mayor Involvement: The group felt that the Mayor needed more speaking roles for this event and wants to see that increase.
- Preparation: Because the event went from being planned as a virtual event to an in-person event, there was more pressure than usual to get all the work completed without unnecessary stress. The group decided that having 10-15 minutes at the end of each meeting to discuss how each work group (Commissioners to sign up in June) is coming along on their efforts will result in a much more effective planning for the 2023 event and beyond.
- Photographer: the Commissioners want to see more than 1 photographer working this event and understands that this needs to be budgeted into the event.
- Monetary Awards: We received additional sponsorships this year, which allowed us to provide monetary awards to 5 high school students and 3 organizations (on a 1-time basis). It was explained that additional monies were available for this year's event, from the Diversity offices Events and Promotions budget, as other events had been cancelled or scaled back, due to Covid. These were only available until June 30th, end of FY, so were used for the event itself but not for monetary awards.

5. UPDATES: ADA COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

Nanette notified the group of Kevin Cullens resignation from the Commission. A replacement effort will start soon.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2022. LOCATION:

TEMPE LIBRARY AND VIRTUAL

MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion: Comm. Irene Mochel, **Second:** Comm. Kathy Jefferson

Motion: Carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm

Minutes prepared by Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist