



MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS
AUGUST 8, 2022

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:32 p.m., In-person and Virtual meeting.

Members Present: 7

- ✓ Vice Chair Paul Kent
- ✓ Jacob Bunch
- ✓ Rachel Gomez
- ✓ Kathy Jefferson
- ✓ Bethany Lien

- ✓ Julie Malloy
- ✓ Irene Mochel

Members Absent: 2

- A Chair Katherine Schmidt
- A Jeff Oats

Guests:

- Representing Grass Clippings:
 - Jake Hoselton
 - Connor Riley
 - Jimmy Hoselton
 - Pete Wilson
 - Trevor Barger

Staff Present:

- Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist
- Julie Heitter, Community Services Manager
- Craig Hayton, Deputy Community Services Director
- Chase Walman, Senior Transportation Planner

1. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 6TH, 2022 MINUTES

Motion: Approval of June 6th, 2022 Minutes

Motion: Comm. Irene Mochel

Second: Comm. Jacob Bunch

Motion: Carried with 4 Votes

Y Bethany Lien	Y Vice Chair Paul Kent	N/A Rachel Gomez
Y Irene Mochel	A Kathy Jefferson	
Y Jacob Bunch	N/A Julie Malloy	

3. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS

Rachel Gomez and Julie Malloy each introduced themselves and talked briefly about their own experiences in the disability field.

4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: TRANSPORTATION DEPT.

Under Transportation and Planning, Chase Walman gave an overview of Tempe's Transportation Masterplan and one of Tempe's Transportation Demand Management Strategies, Mobility Hubs. He stated that the City will prioritize the implementation of these Mobility Hubs in defined Equity Need Areas.

Mr. Walman then gave an overview of five capital improvement projects that are in various stages of Design and Construction. These projects included the El Paso Multi-use Path and Alameda Drive Streetscape projects which are currently under construction. He went on to detail three more projects that are in the design phase which included the Grand Canal Connection Project, Country Club Way Project, and the North South Bike/Ped Project. Additional information can be found on these projects and additional CIP projects at www.tempe.gov/tim

Tony Belleau provided a virtual presentation on the following:

- Tempe Transit Overview: Modes, Services, Fares, Hours of Operation, Facilities and Staff
- ADA / Paratransit Program : Program eligibility and services, including RideChoice – a more flexible, on-demand service
- Summary of Tempe Streetcar : A look at the new Streetcar in Tempe that opened to the public in May
- A brief about how data is used to drive decisions regarding Transit planning in Tempe
- Some of the challenges facing the transit industry and the region at large
- Update on the Transit Shelter project to upgrade and install new and improved shelters

5. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: ROLLING HILLS GOLF COURSE

After background information from Julie Heitter and Craig Hayton, representatives from Grass Clippings presented on their concept to modify the Rolling Hills Golf Course, add programming, modify the course, increase usage time and accessibility. They are in the process of gathering public and Commission feedback and questions. Some of the questions and feedback from the group included:

Questions:

- What is the lighting situation? Is there any light pollution into the zoo? How tall are the light poles? What are the hours of night play?
- Are you renovating the clubhouse?
- Are you renovating the golf course bathrooms? Strongly suggested to increase accessibility.
- Can you go to the lookout point without playing golf?
- How do you lower the barriers for people with disabilities?
- How is the property going to be accessible to people with disabilities?
- Is this accessible to low-income people?

Feedback:

- An ADA survey was recently done. Checking permission to share results with Grass Clippings
- Happy to see family activity lawn appeal to kids and families
- Strongly recommended adding an adult changing table to the property, that allows for self-operated height adjustments
- Only provide movies and programs that include subtitles/captioning to the outdoor viewing screen
- The site sits right down the street from Mobility 360—Host disability events here
- Provide accessible golf carts
- When adding parking, include at least the minimum scope required for ADA parking (if not more) but also ensure it is Universally Designed ADA parking that includes 11' spaces and shared 5' access aisles.
- Include an ADA compliant and accessible passenger loading zone to better assist with arrival and departure of buses, vans,



6. DISCUSSION AND VOTE: 2023 MAYOR'S DISABILITY AWARDS EVENT

Nanette shared the news of a \$5k donation from Tempe Diablos and reminded the group of the other \$2k+ from previous years that can all be used towards the 2023 event. The group is looking forward to starting the planning process.

7. UPDATES: ADA COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

Nanette's last day with Tempe is August 11, 2022. She reported on the major efforts being completed, efforts to hire a new ADA Compliance Specialist and thanked the Commissioners for their dedication to Tempe.

8. DISCUSSION AND VOTE: SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING & ADJOURN MEETING

Motion: Skip the September 2022 meeting due to staff transitions and adjourn meeting.

Motion: Comm. Bethany Lien

Second: Comm. Kathy Jefferson

Motion: Carried unanimously

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2022

Location: Tempe Library and Virtual

Regular Topics:

1. Mayor's Disability Awards Event
2. Tempe Tomorrow General Plan Technical Advisory Group

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM

MINUTES COMPLETED BY NANETTE ODELL ON 8/11/2022