



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

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

Members Present:

Chair, Katherine Schmidt
Vice Chair, Paul Kent
Jacob Bunch
Kathy Jefferson
Irene Mochel
Jeff Oats

Members Absent:

Rachel Gomez
Julie Malloy

Staff Present:

- Ginny Belousek, Diversity Manager

1. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 8, 2022 MINUTES

Motion: Approval of August 8, 2022 Minutes

Motion: Comm. Irene Mochel

Second: Comm. Paul Kent

Motion: Carried with 7 Votes. Ayes: Chair Katherine Schmidt, Vice Chair Paul Kent, and Commissioners Jacob Bunch, Kathy Jefferson, Irene Mochel and Jeff Oats. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioners Rachel Gomez and Julie Malloy

3. DISCUSSION: 2050 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Chair, Katherine Schmidt represents the CDC on the City's 2050 General Plan Committee. Chair Schmidt provided the commission an

update on the 2050 General Plan meeting she attended. Every ten years Arizona cities are required by the state to update their general plans. In 2014 they published the 2040 General Plan, and in 2024 they will be publishing the 2050 General Plan. Chair Schmidt relayed that she serves on the Working Group of this committee. They are currently learning about the major themes of the plan, which includes: Land Use and Development, Economic Development, Conservation, Circulation, Open Space, and Public Facilities. The group is currently discussing Land Use and Development. All the themes of the plan have components on incorporating the needs of those with special needs of the community. There will be a public forum on the General Plan 2050 on Wednesday, October 26th from 6-7:30 at Legoland at the AZ Mills Mall, entitled, “Show us what you’d like Tempe to be in 2050”. Commissioner Jefferson mentioned that she also serves on the 2050 General Plan Committee on the Technical Advisory Group, and Commissioner Bunch stated that he serves as an alternate for Chair Schmidt in her absence. The meetings are open to the public if anyone would like to attend. Chair Schmidt reported that she will give an update every month at the CDC meetings, along with Commissioner Jefferson from the TAG group.

4. DISCUSSION : 2023 MAYOR'S DISABILITY AWARDS EVENT

Chair Schmidt reported that a small working group consisting of herself and Commissioners Gomez, Mochel, Kent met and discussed the following items:

- Financial –they have asked Ginny to provide them with information.
- They would like to review the 2019 program
- Confirm the date. Has it historically been held during Spring Break or early April? Discussion ensued and it was decided that teachers and students may not be in town during Spring Break, and the preferred time is April in the late afternoon.

- How can the Diablos Grant money be used? Is it strictly dedicated for the scholarships? Ginny will research but believes that it has historically only been used for the scholarships.
- Sponsorships
- Location – the commission would prefer returning to the Tempe Center for the Arts in the Studio Room, as the Museum Community Room is not large enough.
- Keynote Speaker – Commissioner Kent contacted Tim Bolan, who has agreed to be the keynote speaker in 2023.
- Create an Excel Spreadsheet listing the “Day Of” responsibilities in addition to event planning timeline.
- Photographer
- Nominations – who can be nominated? Just public schools or can they reach out to charter schools? Ginny referenced the Tardeada Scholarship, where the Diversity Offices reaches out to a list of public, private and charter schools in the area, but with the stipulation that even though the school may not be in Tempe, the student must live in Tempe (or can be a non-Tempe resident attending school in a Tempe district.) Commissioner Mochel volunteered to visit the schools to make presentations to the school counselors to educate them on the nominating process.
- Ginny will bring last year’s nomination form to the next meeting for review and updating then staff will make the form live.
- Staff will begin publicity for the call for nominations once the website is live.
- Entertainment was discussed – potentially bringing back Higher Oactive Learning.
- Discussed renaming the awards. Disability awards has a negative connotation. After discussion, it was agreed to do research and bring suggestions to the next meeting. One suggestion is “The Mayor’s All-Abilities Awards”.

5. UPDATES: ADA COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST POSITION

Ginny reported that to date there have been no qualified applications received. She has had a conversation with HR to discuss the possibility of reclassifying the position, as the current classification has a very low pay for the expertise required. Ginny will have this discussion with the new Chief Diversity Officer when she starts next week.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

Location: Tempe Library and Virtual

Regular Topics:

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

Motion: Adjourn the meeting

Motion: Comm. Paul Kent

Second: Comm. Irene Mochel

Motion: Carried with 7 Votes. Ayes: Chair Katherine Schmidt, Vice Chair Paul Kent, and Commissioners Jacob Bunch, Kathy Jefferson, Irene Mochel and Jeff Oats. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioners Rachel Gomez and Julie Malloy

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:37 PM