

Minutes

Commission on Disability Concerns Meeting

September 9, 2024

Minutes of the COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS held on Monday, September 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m., held both In-Person & Virtually: Tempe Public Library 2nd Floor Conference Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282 & Microsoft Teams at the following link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) or by telephone: (480) 498-8745, United States, Phoenix (Toll), Conference ID: 762 995 762#

(MEMBERS) Present:

Kathy Jefferson (Chair)
Irene Mochel
Krista Smiley
Steven Tokos
Genevieve Vega
David Kader

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Rachel Gomez (Vice Chair)
Jacob Bunch
Pat McNamara

City Staff Present:

Monique Perry, ADA Coordinator/ Staff Liaison
Dr. Velicia McMillan Humes, Chief Diversity Officer

Guests

Chase Walman- City of Tempe Principal Planner, Jay Yenerich-Bowman- Smith Group, Scott Nye- Smith Group, Joantha Guthrie- Tempe Public Works

Call to Order

Commissioner Jefferson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Native Land Acknowledgement Statement

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

None.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2024

Commissioner Vega made a motion to approve the August 5th minutes, Commissioner Tokos seconded. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Arizona Open Meeting Law Statement

After speaking with the Clerk's Office, it has come to our attention that there are limitations within the scope of subcommittees. Per the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2012.35, which governs what Boards & Commissions are permitted to do by and with subcommittees, Commissions are permitted to have only two working subcommittees at a time, pending approval of Council. I have attached the

ordinance in your packets if you could locate page 3 of the packet (page 2 of the ordinance) and review the terms alongside me.

Agenda Item 5 – College and University Grade Separated Crossing Presentation

Performance Measure 3.14 - ADA Transition Plan

Chase Walman- City of Tempe Principal Planner, Jay Yenerich-Bowman- Smith Group, Scott Nye- Smith Group, Joantha Guthrie- Tempe Public Works, presented the College and University Grade Separated Crossing Project. The project was first initiated as part of an ASU commissioned study that the City of Tempe participated in to explore grade separation at three high pedestrian volume intersections. The goal of the study was to provide a dedicated pedestrian crossing to address pedestrian/vehicular conflicts and reduce transit/vehicular congestion. seeking feedback on:

- 1: Pedestrian Bridge
- 2A: Underpass on the West side of College Avenue
- 2B: Underpass in a SW/NE alignment
- 3: “Y” Underpass, providing entrances on both the northwest and northeast corners

Kathy- Bridge (safety, visible & open, feeling safe)

Irene- Bridge (safety-wise, concerned about flooring choices)

Krista- Bridge (not the bridge presented/ concerned with bridge closing in future years)

Genevieve- Tunnel (2a- the tier option for landscaping)

Steven- Bridge (was there consideration made for diagonal?)

David- Bridge

Agenda Item 6 – Subcommittee Update, Discussion, Vote

Commissioner Vega made a motion to form the All-Abilities subcommittee, to have 5 members:

Commissioner Vega, Commissioner Bunch, Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Jefferson, and Commissioner Smiley. Motion was second by Commissioner Tokos- all in favor of motion.

Agenda Item 7 –All Abilities Date Vote

Commission Mochel explained that in the past the date for this event has not been put to a vote- a date in early April is selected by the staff liaison based on the availability of the auditorium in the Tempe Center for the Arts. The liaison presents the date to the commission to make sure it works for everyone involved; all other commissioners agreed. The date of April 8, 2025, has been confirmed as the date of the All-Abilities Award Ceremony.

Agenda Item 8 – Announcements

TABLED due to time.

Agenda Item 9 – Proposed Future Agenda Items

TABLED due to time.

Motion made by Commissioner Tokos to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Commissioner Smiley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.