

Minutes

Commission on Disability Concerns Meeting

June 3, 2024

Minutes of the COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS held on Monday, May 6, 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)
Rachel Gomez (Vice Chair)
Irene Mochel
Krista Smiley
Genevieve Vega
Steven Tokos
David Kader
Jacob Bunch

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Pat McNamara

City Staff Present:

Elena Hale, Staff Liaison
Dr. Velicia McMillan Humes, Chief Diversity Officer
Eric Iwersen, Transportation & Sustainability Director

Guests

Call to Order

Commissioner Jefferson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Native Land Acknowledgement Statement

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes: May 6, 2024

Commissioner Gomez made a motion to approve the May 6th minutes, Commissioner Vega seconded. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Scooter Program + Sidewalk Accessibility Concerns: Eric Iwersen

Staff member Eric Iwersen gave background on the scooter program origins, and how it has evolved.

Commissioner Gomez and Commissioner Bunch asked about the expansion of the scooter corrals. Eric let the commissioners know they are working to expand this and working on the framework of the scooter company relationships.

Commissioner Kader asked for the repercussions for the scooter companies as well as the scooter operators for not placing the scooters in the proper corral. Eric responded that this process is still under review. He will pass along information as it becomes available.

Commissioner Tokos gave guidance on additional oversight for scooter placement to help mitigate impacts on the community. Eric will bring this back to the team and see if this capability is there.

Commissioner Vega offered for the CDC to speak on behalf of the community and advocate for additional protections and proper education on the impact on improperly placed scooters.

Chair Jefferson thanked Eric for his time, and the Commission for their engagement.

Agenda Item 5 – The Mayors All Abilities Awards Nominations & Working Group Discussion

Chair Jefferson spoke about the importance of a working group for the All-Abilities Awards Nominations. Commissioners Bunch, Vega, and Gomez volunteered to participate. Commissioner Mochel volunteered to be an alternate should it be needed.

Commissioner Gomez confirmed the group would meet independently in July and report back to the commission in the August meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Commission on Disability Concerns 2024-2025 General Plan

Chair Jefferson asked the Commission to come prepared to discuss future goals for the Commission on Disability Concerns.

Agenda Item 7 – All Abilities Event Update

No updates.

Agenda Item 8 – Proposed Future Agenda Items

- Commissioner Bunch followed up on the D-A-R faire program. Chair Jefferson confirmed this was on the list and will revisit this.
- Commissioner Gomez followed up on the Centers for Habilitation. Chair Jefferson confirmed this is on the list as Elena has reached out and is waiting to hear back from them.
- Commissioner Vega asked all future agenda items to be listed moving forward. Chair Jefferson confirmed this would be added moving forward.

Agenda Item 9 – Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Date – August 5, 2024

- NO MEETING IN JULY. Next meeting will take place on August 5, 2024.
- Report from sub-committee for All Abilities Awards Nominations.

Motion made by Commissioner Vega to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Commissioner Gomez.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.