

Minutes

Commission on Disability Concerns Meeting

October 7, 2024

Minutes of the COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS held on Monday, October 7, 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)
Jacob Bunch
Steven Tokos

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Irene Mochel
Krista Smiley
Genevieve Vega
David Kader

City Staff Present:

Monique Perry, ADA Coordinator/ Staff Liaison

Guests

NONE

Call to Order

Commissioner Jefferson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Native Land Acknowledgement Statement

We wish to acknowledge that Tempe is the homeland of the Native people who have inhabited this landscape since time immemorial. These ancestral lands of the O’odham (known as the Pima), Piipaash (known as the Maricopa), and their ancestors extend far beyond our city. This land continues to be spiritually connected to the O’odham of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Gila River Indian Community. We accept the responsibility of stewarding those places and solemnly pledge to consider this commitment in every action.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

None.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2024

Commissioner Gomez made a motion to approve the September 9th minutes, Commissioner Tokos seconded. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Citywide ADA Updates/ Questions/ Discussion

ADA Coordinator gave an update on the complaints/ concerns coming from the public monthly, walking through each complaint/ concern and taking suggestions and comments from the commission; working together to bring the complaints/ concerns to a close.

Agenda Item 5 – CDC Retreat 2025 Discussion and Vote

Tabled by Commission Chair due to attendance.

Agenda Item 6 – Performance Measure 3.13- Disability Social Inclusion Presentation- Discussion and Possible Action

This presentation provided a status update on phase I of the overall initiative. The ask is for the disability community to participate in the survey process by reviewing the survey questions and providing advice on the best way to solicit the most valuable responses, on first contact. Commissioners were also informed that the survey would be accessible through several outlets.

Agenda Item 7 – Announcement

Commissioner Gomez announced that she would not be returning to the commission for another year due to her schedule and work. Commissioner Gomez advised that she has the desire to return to the commission when time permits; and offered to volunteer help when the opportunity and time permits.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposed Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items were discussed for clarity and to ensure that the goals of the Commission were supported by each agenda suggested.

Project Vision Zero Presentation- Advised commission that staff liaison waiting for a response.

First Responders training Presentation- Advised commission that staff liaison waiting for a response.

Tempe Community Council Agency Review Process- Spoke with commission regarding this request and asked which portion of the process was important to them. Members of the commission request that the staff liaison attend the training and report back with an outline.

D-A-R/Paratransit Fare Presentation- Contacted Sam Stevenson, Transit Manager in transportation with a request for presentation; waiting for a date.

The Centers for Habilitation Presentation- Advised commission that staff liaison is still waiting for a response to the email request sent.

Adult Changing Tables- Adult changing tables were added to future agenda items for possible discussion, presentation or other to keep the conversation in the light.

Motion made by Commissioner Tokos to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Commissioner Jefferson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.