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**MINUTES**

**Commission on Disability Concerns**

**October 3, 2013**

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**Minutes of the Commission on Disability Concerns held on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Tempe Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, 2nd floor Conference Room**

**MEMBERS Present:**  **Members Absent:**

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| Ed Mitchell (Chair)  Sarah Kader  Diane Moran  Rachel Phillips  Tom Ringhofer  Irene Mochel  Paul Bennewitz  Kathleen Goode (by phone) | Martha Ashburn  Ben Campbell  Carolyn Hutchens  Robert Kizere |

**Staff:**

Peter Fischer, City of Tempe ADA Compliance Specialist

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ed Mitchell

**Agenda Item 1 -- Public Appearances**

Jeffrey Oates

**Agenda Item 2 -- Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

8/1/13 Draft Commission Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips to approve the Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2013 seconded by Commissioner Moran and approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 3 – Presentation regarding the Broadway Rd. Pedestrian/Bike Improvements Project: Eric Iverson**

The City did lane removal testing on Broadway between Mill and Rural. They took away one lane to see the effect. The project also includes more space for bikes, pedestrians, persons in wheelchairs, etc. – this will involve wider sidewalks, street trees, a bike lane, spot improvements, and accessible ramps. Testing results were positive. The five lane street is scheduled to become a 4 lane street. There has been a 35% decrease of use along Broadway Road in the past 15 years, largely due to public transit use and freeway construction. Mr. Iverson has come to the Commission to get input on this project, and wants the Commissions feedback. Construction documents have not been started yet. Mr. Iverson will return to the Commission for further feedback as the project progresses.

**Agenda Item 4 – Accessible Parking and the Two Placard System Update and discussion led by Kathleen Goode (call-in) information / possible action.**

Issue Tabled to a future meeting.

**Agenda Item 5 – Business Compliance Handout amendment to match a change in Arizona State law. Possible action required. Martha Ashburn.**

Issue Tabled to a future meeting.

**Agenda Item 6 – Update on October 15th Disabilitiy Awareness Day for the City of Tempe, including White Cane Awareness Activities.**

Irene Mochel has volunteer to help at the Commissioners Table at the Awareness Day event.

Citizen Alexis Read was hit by a vehicle again, this time on private property.

**Agenda Item 7 – Election of Officers for July 2013 to June 2014**

Elections were held, and the results are as follows:

Ed Mitchell: Chair

Rachel Phillips: Vice Chair

Sarah Kader: Secretary

**Agenda Item 8 – Commissioner Announcements**

No Announcements were made.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

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