



Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
November 7, 2016

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting which was held on Monday, November 7, 2016, 6:30 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Board Room, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

MEMBERS Present:

Chair Irene Mochel
Vice-Chair Paul Bennewitz
Ben Campbell
Rachel Phillips by phone
Diane Moran
Wendy Benz by phone

MEMBERS Absent:

Jeff Oats
Kim W. Fisher
Tom Ringhofer

Guests:

Eric Iwersen, Public Works Principle Planner
Sara Landers, ASU Student
Kevin Macias, ASU Student

Diversity Staff Present:

Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Vice-Chair Paul Bennewitz called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Item 1 – Call to the Public: Please Fill out a card if you wish to Speak.

No public wished to speak.

Item 2 - Consideration of Minutes MCDC – October 3, 2016 Minutes

The September 12, 2016 CDC Minutes were **APPROVED with edits**

Motion: **Ben Campbell, Commissioner**

Second: **Diane Moran, Commissioner; Motion carried unanimously**

**Item 3 – Presentation: 5th St. Streetscape,
Public Works Principle Planner Eric Iwersen**

A Power Point presentation on the Streetscape plans for 5th Street from Farmer Avenue to College Avenue was given. The presentation included information on the history, which included a study on parking and the transportation plan in the downtown area. Information shared included existing conditions, 5th Street design goals and the project limits. Information incorporating surrounding context included ASU, city facilities, alleys, paths, and trails. Information on the projects ability to increase recreation opportunities, multi-modal transportation usage and sustainability regarding water catchments was provided.

Information on the challenges presented at various intersections, railroad crossings, ownership issues, paving variety, accessibility, transit access, visibility, street demands, and residential issues were shared.

Questions were answered regarding accessibility, lighting, shade to combat the heat island effect; complementary services of the Streetcar and Orbit; funding sources, surface parking, and options to increase safety in the interactions between pedestrians, wheelchair users, bike users and vehicles.

Discussion was held on the various solutions and street possibilities such as reversed angled parking, on-street motorcycle and scooter parking, street parklets and pop-up patios, art, decorative paving treatments, storm water planters for water harvesting, tree formations, special event spaces, intersection bump outs and Chicanes, raised intersection crossings, bike lane placement, green bike lanes and more.

The next steps are:

Fall 2016

- Develop concept Alternatives
- Design Workshop with ADU and Sustainability Commission

Winter / Spring 2017

- Public meeting #2 – Review concept Alternatives
- Present to Boards & Commissions
- Obtain City Council direction

Summer / Fall 2017

Prepare final construction Documents
Develop phases, temporary and permanent solutions

Item 4 – Discussion: Information Access/Needs Assessment – Comm. Kim W. Fisher

Item was deferred. Handout was available with the city web pages that receive the most hits and the pages that facilitate payments and registration for city services.

Item 5 – Discussion: Tempe Presents: Deaf and Hard of Hearing/ Disability Job Fair- Chair Irene Mochel

Discussion was held on conducting a post event survey of the employers to be emailed along with an appreciation letter and invitation to submit an application for the Disability Awards. Pictures taken at the job fair were provided.



Item 6 – Discussion: ADA Transition Plan Phase I Draft Report – Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz

The Draft ADA Transition Plan Report should be ready within the next few months. Several Tempe AZ ADA Sidewalk Cost sheets for sidewalk locations were provided to show the level of detail, types of barriers, and costing data.

Item 7 – Discussion: Tempe ADA Compliance Activity Update – Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz

A spreadsheet showing ADA Compliance Activity was provided and discussed. The spreadsheet included current activity and general information on the types of ADA complaints and requests for accommodations received and their status; current projects, plan reviews, City Council Strategic Priorities that pertain to disability inclusion (#3.14) and access (#3.14) and additional activities (#4.7); Commission activity and events, and various files and required reports.

Discussion: 2017 Mayor's Disability Awards – Chair Irene Mochel

Discussion was held on exploring the feasibility of having the 2018 Disability Awards at the Don Carlos Pavilion / SRP. A time line was provided regarding activity that will be needed to implement the 2017 Mayors Disability Awards. Fund raising and sponsorships are needed to cover costs. A draft nomination form was provided for review by the commissioners.

Item 9 - Announcements

Information and flyer was shared on the Hearing Loss Association of America activities occurring in or around Tempe.

Motion to adjourn: **Chair Irene Mochel**

Second: **Commissioner Ben Campbell, Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Ginny Belousek

Ginny Belousek, Office of Strategic Management and Diversity Manager