



**Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
January 8, 2018**

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m., at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd., Room B, Tempe, Arizona, 85282.

MEMBERS Present:

Chair Wendy Dietrich
Vice-Chair Katherine Schmidt
Paul Bennewitz
Rene Williams Larson
Paul Kent
Jeffrey Sherman

MEMBERS Absent:

Jeff Oats
Ben Campbell
Maranda M. Childress

Guests:

John Federico, VMAAG
Irene Mochel, Former Commissioner

Office of Strategic Management and Diversity Staff Present:

Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Chair Wendy Dietrich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., upon reaching quorum.

Item 1. Call to the Public

Public in attendance had no comments.

Chair Wendy Dietrich mentioned that former Commissioner Tom Ringhofer who served Tempe on the CDC for 10 years, in 2 terms, from 2004 – 2008 and 2010 – 2016 recently passed away at the age of 77. **Commissioner Paul Bennewitz** would like to see some way to recognize his excellent service.

Item 2. Review and Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2017 Minutes

The December 4, 2017 CDC Minutes were **APPROVED**.

Motion: **Katherine Schmidt, Vice Chair**

Second: **Paul Bennewitz, Comm.;**

Motion carried unanimously

Item 3. Introductions

All Commissioners introduced themselves and provided information on their disability related background and their interest in serving on the Commission on Disability Concerns. Commissioner Jeff Oats was reappointed for another term.

Newly appointed Commissioners were recognized:

- Rene Williams Larson
- Maranda M. Childress
- Paul Kent
- Jeffrey Sherman.

Item 6. Discussion: 2018 CDC Strategic Planning Goals

Discussion was held on the strategic planning goals. CDC held several meetings last year to identify their 2018 – 19 priorities which also correspond to the five City Council priorities of Safe & Secure Communities; Strong Community Connections; Quality of Life; Sustainable Growth & Development; Financial Stability and Vitality. Most CDC goals fall under Quality of Life.

These include:

- Promote City Internships and volunteer opportunities (Employment)
- Recommend policy/code revisions to increase accessibility (Access)
- Provided Quarterly inclusion training to city staff and others (Training)
- Promote vendors who provide employment services (Employers)
- Provide info. to increase access and inclusion (Inclusion and Recognition)
- Invite agencies and companies to be CDC partners (Networking)
- Promote information on disability policies and practices (Information Sharing)

Events and activities on the calendar reflect these priorities.

Item 7. Planning – 30th Annual Mayor's Disability Awards

The 30th Annual Mayor's Disability Awards will be celebrated on April 17, 2018 from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts, Studio, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 86281.

30th annual
mayor's
ability
awards
2018

Tempe.
recognizing
ability, advocacy, access & achievements

Nomination
Deadline
February
28th

Save the Date
April 17, 2018

Discussion included the planning details regarding activities:

- **Theme: TBD**
- **Accommodations:** ASL Interpreters, CART, GF food, Sugar Free food.
- **Sponsorships** - More sponsors are needed to cover the cost of the event. Last year's event cost over \$6,000 and this year's event is more.
Current sponsors:
 - **Cole Engineering** (Shared Title Sponsor)
 - **Irene, Lynn and Amie Mochel** (Shared Title Sponsor)
 - **Tempe Diablos** (Scholarships)
 - **Bobbies Flowers** (Flowers)
- **Nominations** - Nomination deadline is February 28, 2018 – please share the information and nominate any who should be recognized.
- **Speakers**
 - Former Mayor Neil G. Giuliano will be the guest speaker
 - Current Mayor Mark Mitchell will cover Tempe access and inclusion before introducing the winners.
- **Entertainment** – a Higher Octave Healing band will provide music
- **Award Selection** – Award selection will be held at the March 5th Meeting
- **Registration** – All registration to attend will be done through Event Bright
- **Winner Notification** – Winners will be notified by 3/12/18
- **Lobby** – Tables will be available for Sponsors and a few others, i.e. city departments, agencies that reflect the theme (TBD)
- **Food** – Light refreshments will be available – i.e. cookies, beverages, etc.
- **Day of event details** – Volunteers are needed for the day of event

Item 8. Discussion: Commission and Staff Announcements

Commissioners requested that the following be invited to share information on their activities at future meetings:

Adapted Recreation - A comparison of adapted recreation provided by nearby cities will be completed by Chair Wendy Dietrich to see where recommendations can be made to Tempe Recreation programs.

Dementia Friendly Tempe - There is a lot of activity occurring and it would be great to have them present to the CDC.

Informational flyers were provided from:

- Hearing Loss Association of America
- ASU Speech and Hearing Clinic – Living Well with Hearing Loss Groups
- Cost of Living for Medicaid Beneficiaries in Arizona Flyer
- 2017 4th Quarter CDC handout on activities and events.

Motion to adjourn: **Comm. Rene Williams Larson**

Second: **Comm. Jeffrey Sherman**

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting is February 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Reviewed by:



Ginny Belousek, Office of Strategic Management & Diversity Manager