



Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
March 5, 2018

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, March 5, 2018, 6:30 p.m., at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd., Board Room, Tempe, Arizona, 85282.

MEMBERS Present:

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

MEMBERS Absent:

Maranda M. Childress
Ben Campbell

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., with quorum.

Item 1. Call to the Public

No comments.

Item 2. Review and Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2018 Minutes

The February 5, 2018 CDC Minutes were **APPROVED with correction**

Motion: **Comm. Paul Bennewitz**

Second: **Comm. Jeff Oats**

Motion carried unanimously

Item 3. Discussion: ADA Transition Plan – Phase II Update

CDC Staff Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist, provided information on the status of the Tempe ADA Transition Plan, Phase II process:

- Phase II covers right of ways on arterial streets, 10 parks and 3 trails located north of Guadalupe, surrounding the Phase I Downtown area.
- Cost to repair Phase II elements is estimated to be \$38 million.
- Phase II data has been collected and summarized in a preliminary report.
- The 60-day Public Involvement Process (PIP) will facilitate comments.
- The PIP kick-off will be the ADA Open House on March 13, at the Library.
- Presentations will be made to Commissions and Boards and city departments: Parks Commission, Transportation Commission, Tempe Accelerates (City departments and public), Community Development Site Plan Review team, etc.
- Presentations will be made to disability and senior organizations, including Apache ASL Trails (Deaf), SAAVI (Blind/Low Vision), Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors Board meeting (Seniors),
- After public involvement process, repairs will be prioritized and scheduled out through 2030 and beyond.
- Internal meetings are being held to streamline the workflow and funding.

Item 4. Discussion: 30th Annual Mayor's Disability Awards - Judging

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.



Discussion included selecting the winners, contingent upon acceptance, and event planning details. All commissioners are requested to be in attendance.

Outstanding Tempe Students

- Anna Molina, Tempe High School
- Antoine Lewis, Tempe High School
- Da'Zhai Ebone Nelson, Tempe High School
- Jordan Wright, Mountain Pointe High School
- Katelynn Thompson, Tempe High School
- Lisette Keller, Bethany Christian School
- Morgan Turner, Corona del Sol High School
- Sophie Vega, Believe I Can Academy

Exceptional Educator Award

- Felicia Tew, Life Skills Educator, Marcos de Niza H.S.

Employer of the Year

- F.A.B.R.I.C., Angela Johnson & Sherri Barry

Employee of the Year

- Melita Winnick, The Center for Habilitation

Community Service Award

- Tempe Adult Day Health Services, Carolyn Hutchens

Tom Ringhofer Architectural Award

- Mariana Pereira, Logan Simpson

Business Leadership Award

- Jeff Ramsdell, Leeden Wheelchair Lift and Sport

Pride of the City

- Higher Octave Healing, Kymly Eubanks, MM, MT-BC

Theme - 50th Anniversary of Fair Housing

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 cost is expected to be more.

Current sponsors:

- **Cole Engineering** (Shared Title Sponsor)
- **Irene, Lynn and Amie Mochel** (Shared Title Sponsor)
- **Believe I Can Academy** (Honorary Sponsor)
- **Tempe Diablos** (Student Scholarships)
- **Bobbies Flowers** (Flowers)

• **Speakers**

- Neil G. Giuliano, Valley Leadership Man of the Year
- Current Mayor Mark Mitchell

- **Entertainment** – A Higher Octave Healing band, Wreckless, will provide six songs

- **Registration** – All registration to attend will be done through Event Bright

- **Lobby** – Tables will be available for the following:

- Cole – Sponsor with ADA Transition Plan Information
- Believe I Can Academy - Sponsor
- Ability360 – Statewide Center for Independent Living
- ADA LifeQuest LLC – ADA Wayfinding Project
- Care 7 – Lockbox and Vial of Life
- SEVRAR – Housing
- TCC Access Tempe Network – Disability Service Providers
- Tempe Housing/Community Services Department

- **Food** – Light refreshments provided through Heidi's Events – i.e. cookies, beverages, etc.

Item 5: Discussion: Review of 2018 CDC Strategic Planning goals
Deferred

Item 6. Discussion: Announcements

- HLAA – Working Adults Chapter – Meeting in TLC on 3/10/18 at 10 a.m.
- CDC has a table at the American Indian Disability Summit on March 23.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting is April 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

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Reviewed by:



Ginny Belousek, Office of Strategic Management & Diversity Manager