



**Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
December 3, 2018**

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, December 3, 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
Ben Campbell
Jeff Oats
Jeffrey Sherman
Paul Bennewitz
Rene Williams

MEMBERS Absent:

Maranda M. Childress
Paul Kent

Guests:

John Federico, VMAAG Representative
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 6:35 p.m.

Item 1. Call to the Public.

Comment was made by John Federico regarding the accessibility issues arising from scooters on sidewalks being dropped off by rechargers. The City Council is reviewing licensing for companies providing the services. It is an issue for people in neighborhoods, especially for people who use mobility devices or who are blind or have low vision. Suggested the CDC may want to weigh in on the issue.

Note: Chair Wendy Dietrich asked that next month's agenda include this item.

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

Motion: Approval of the November 5, 2018 CDC Minutes with edits

Motion: Comm. Jeffrey Sherman

Second: Comm. Jeffrey Oats

Motion carried unanimously, 7 approved, 2 absent

Votes

Wendy Dietrich

Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.

Rene Williams

Paul Kent

Maranda Childress

Ben Campbell

Paul Bennewitz

Jeffrey C. Oats by phone

Jeffrey Sherman

Item 3. Review & Approval: Disability Awards – Student Information

Motion: To:

1. Limit high school students to final year, for both winning and funds.
2. Add Outstanding Youth as a category, for both winning and funds.

Motion: Chair Wendy Dietrich

Second: Comm. Rene Williams

Motion carried unanimously, 7 approved, 2 absent

Discussion was held on parking dynamics due to construction adjacent to the Tempe Center for the Arts. We will need to determine if shuttle is available and we will need volunteers or Police to help.

Staff was asked to inquire whether there was any way to use the Art Gallery to include disability art during the awards. Several artists with disabilities were mentioned including: Tony D'Renzi, Best Buddies, Very Special Arts (VSA), and other disability art organizations.

It was mentioned that next month there is a disability art exhibit at Arizona State University.

Votes

Wendy Dietrich
 Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.
 Rene Williams
 Paul Kent
 Maranda Childress
 Ben Campbell
 Paul Bennewitz
 Jeffrey C. Oats by phone
 Jeffrey Sherman

4. Discussion: Nov 27 Mockinterviewapalooza event Feedback

The event included a 25-min. interview etiquette class. Mock interviews stations providing 10-minute interviews and five-minute feedback, Verbal Resume (elevator speech) with employers who provided feedback. There were ASL Interpreters provided for employers, as needed. In attendance were 37 employers and more than 140 young adult attendees in which is excellent for this event. Discussion was held on whether a survey could be provided to the employers/interviewees to see what feedback they may have to improve the event.

Item 5. Discussion: Adapted Recreation – Parcourse

Chair Wendy Dietrich provided information on the Rio Salado Master Plan and the need for more accessible activities to be available to the public. An Adaptive Parcourse, and installation of accessible exercise equipment along the sidewalk, was discussed. The design includes sensory elements which would include tactile, vibrational, scent elements and an educational component. The concept is to celebrate all senses. The conceptual design of the Parcourse was created by Commissioner Jeff Sherman, Landscape Architect. The cost will include \$ 5,000 per piece of equipment and we are looking at 10 pieces.



Chair Wendy Dietrich is reviewing the project with The City of Tempe City Council Workgroup on Adapted Recreation. City Architects. Architect Lisa Loyd are looking at cost and availability. They will be meeting December 20. Everyone seems to be excited about the concept and Ability360 is exploring grants to partner with Tempe on for equipment that can be installed along the path.

Item 6. Discussion: Tempe's BEST Program Update

The Program Coordinator recruitment interviews will be later this month. The Program Coordinator will report to Human Services. Contracts for training (GateWay Community College) and evaluation services (Life Quest) are in progress. A kickoff meeting with champions (city representatives) and partners (agencies) will be scheduled later this month.

Item 7. Discussion: Farewell to Exiting Commissioner – Paul Bennewitz

An engraved pen was presented and Commissioner Bennewitz shared background information on his services and that we still have a long way to go.

Item 8. Discussion: Commission and Staff Announcements

The following was provided:

- Schedule of CDC meetings for 2019
- New commissioner will be appointed in 10 days.
- We will vote on Chair and Vice Chair in January
- Have a happy holiday and New Year.
- The next meeting is January 7, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Reviewed by:

Ginny Belousek

Ginny Belousek, Office of Strategic Management & Diversity Manager