



Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
June 3, 2019

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, June 3, 2019, 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
Bethany Lien
Jeff Oats
Paul Kent
Rene Williams

MEMBERS Absent:

Maranda M. Childress
Vacant Position

Guests:

Irene Mochel, Former Commissioner
John Federico, Tempe Transportation Commission, VMAAG

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.

No comments

Item 2. Review and Approval of Minutes: May 6, 2019 Minutes

Motion: Request approval of the May 6, 2019 CDC Minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Paul Kent

Second: Vice Chair Katherine Schmidt

With edit, motion carried unanimously, 7 approved, 1 absent, 1 vacancy

Votes

Y Wendy Dietrich
 Y Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.
 Y Rene Williams
 Y Paul Kent
 A Maranda Childress
 Y Ben Campbell
 Y Bethany Lien
 Y Jeffrey C. Oats
 ___ Vacancy

3. Tempe's BEST Program Update

Tempe's Building Employment Support and Training program is on track. Activities include:

- Working with UA/Sonoran University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Program for training supports
- Conducted a 3rd quarter meeting on May 22 with program partners, individuals with neurodiversity and others, which was productive.
- Tempe's BEST Program is now taking applications. Email Max_Ryser@tempe.gov, for application if interested in the program and working for the City of Tempe.
- Tempe's BEST is looking at different strategies, including inviting best applicants to participate in other opportunities i.e. city apprenticeships.

- We are considering applying for city supplemental budget funds for next year to be able to create four part-time positions.

4. Inclusive Recreation progress – Update

There has been no further action. The Parcourse design has been added to the masterplan and the CDC will follow up with Ability 360 when the time is ideal to facilitate a grant for exercise equipment.

5. Disability Inclusion Summit – October 8, 2019

The date is likely to change, due to another department event, as department staff will be limited. Staff is requesting October 24th availability.

The Format may be more inclusive to invite employers of Tempe businesses. It is possible that the event may use two rooms, so there would be a training for an hour on how to hire people with DD, and a panel which includes people with DD, and an exercise in disability etiquette. Along with tables in the lobby. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

6. Farewell to Wendy Dietrich, Chair

Wendy will be moving out of state. Her service was much appreciated. Her resignation from the CDC is effective June 4, 2019. Vice Chair Katherine Schmidt will be assuming the chair responsibilities.

7. Discussion: Commission and Staff Announcements.

- **Strategic Management Goal 3.13 Disability Inclusion** metrics are being drafted – may include information on the August agenda. A draft copy of the 10 metric measurements were included in the materials. The metrics include actions to increase impact inclusion and reduce poverty

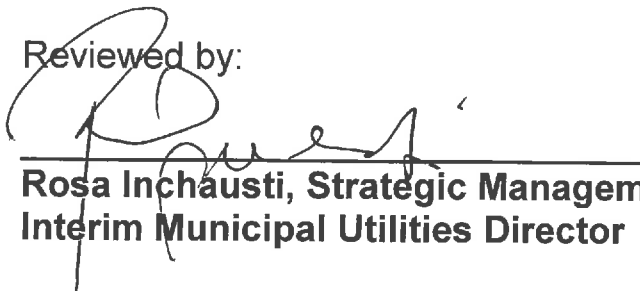
in Tempe. Transportation, Employment, Management, Policies, Equality, Services, Programs, Activities, Communications, and Events.

- **Audible Talkers Toastmasters** flyer was included in the folder. This Toastmasters club is the first in the nation specifically for people with hearing loss. The meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the TLC classroom, a looped room completely accessible for attendees who are hard of hearing. Contact Harry Wolfe at hwolfeaz@gmail.com or at 602-279-7356 for more information.
- **Celaya Park playground and grand reopening** was this past Saturday. The park and playground are ADA compliant and accessible. The ADA compliant "quail" imprinted sidewalk at the park, was paid for by \$10,000 SRP MIC Gaming Grant which was applied for by the Strategic Management and Diversity Department, ADA Compliance Specialist.
- **LDP: ADA/Cultural Sensitivity Training** held on May 22nd was well attended and successful. It was the first time the training was conducted with UA/Sonoran UCEDD, Tempe's BEST training partner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Prepared by Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Reviewed by:



Rosa Inchausti, Strategic Management & Diversity Director/
Interim Municipal Utilities Director