



Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
August 5, 2019

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, August 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m., at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd., Board Room, Tempe, Arizona, 85282.

MEMBERS Present:

Chair Katherine Schmidt, Ph.D.
Ben Campbell
Bethany Lien
Jeff Oats
Paul Kent
Rene Williams
Irene Mochel
Viki Peer

MEMBERS Absent:

Maranda M. Childress

Guests:

John Federico, Tempe Transportation Commission, VMAAG

Office of Strategic Management and Diversity Staff Present:

Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Chair Katherine Schmidt, Ph. D. called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 June 3, 2019 CDC Minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Rene Williams

Second: Commissioner Paul Kent

Motion carried unanimously, 8 approved, 1 absent,

Votes

Y Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.

Y Rene Williams

Y Paul Kent

A Maranda Childress

Y Ben Campbell

Y Bethany Lien

Y Jeffrey C. Oats

Y Irene Mochel

Y Viki Peer

Item 3. Welcome New Commissioners / Orientation

- Newly appointed Commissioners Irene Mochel and Viki Peer introduced themselves and provided information on their interest in the CDC and disability issues in Tempe. Commissioner Mochel is a returning Commissioner and Commissioner Peer is new to Tempe and is an ASU Student pursuing her doctorate.
- All Commissioners in attendance introduced themselves.
- A brief orientation was provided, discussing the annual calendar, current roster and the CDC Handbook.
- A comment was made that the CDC Handbook should include information on the CDC's attendance and call-in expectations.

4. Disability Inclusion Summit – 10/8/2019 (Tentative)

The summit, per se, will not be occurring. However, another activity is being explored.

Council member Robin Arredondo-Savage will be involved to assist in scheduling “listening meetings” for city staff and the public to explore what actions the city can take to be more disability inclusive. More information will be shared as soon as it is received.

The meetings will be held in October. Council member Arredondo-Savage will be invited to the September CDC meeting to share her thoughts and ideas.

In prior years, for Disability Awareness Month, we have hosted a job fair with Arizona@Work as our partner. Arizona@Work is reducing the number of job fairs and are exploring other strategies. The prior chair had previously discussed an inclusion summit or the like with the Council Member and this is a continuation of that effort.

5. Audible Talkers Toastmasters, 6p.m., 1st & 3rd Mondays, TLC Rm.

The first Toastmasters Club in the nation for individuals with hearing loss is being sponsored by the CDC. This club is open to the public and to city staff. The TLC room has an Otojoy induction hearing loop system which facilitates access to communication. The meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

6. Mayor's Disability Awards/ Tempe Center for the Arts – 4/28/2020

The date for the 2020 Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards is April 28, 2020. The celebration will be held at the Tempe Center for the Arts, Studio Room from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.

32nd Annual Tempe Mayor's Disability Award Celebration Details:

- The Mayor's availability has been confirmed.
- The venue has been confirmed, and the contract will be provided soon.
- We are requesting whether the in-house food and beverage vendor can provide refreshments as they did previously, as its about \$1000 or more savings.
- Tempe Diablos grant application submitted earlier this year for the Tempe Diablos scholarships was approved. (Note: they always ask if any commissioners have attended any of their fundraising events. If you can do so, please do.)

Next month, the Commission will need to determine if lobby tables showcasing specific City disability related services, sponsors, and others will be part of the event.

At the next CDC meeting we will discuss award categories, sponsorships, fundraising, entertainment/speaker, and other details. If anyone knows of disability entertainers or speakers who can be asked to open the event, please let staff know.

We would love to have additional diversity. In the past is has primarily been neurodiversity focused.

7. Tempe's BEST - Building Employment, Supports & Training

The 3rd Quarter Tempe's BEST report narrative has been submitted to the funder, Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC). A copy has been provided.

Tempe was invited to apply for a Tempe's BEST Year 2 grant for the same amount, by ADDPC, to continue the program. The application is due by August 16, 2019, the due date. A copy of the Year 2 application will be provided at the next meeting.

8. Discussion: Commission and Staff Announcements

- The Tempe Leadership Development Program: ADA/Disability Sensitivity Training will be held on Sept. 24 from 9:30 to Noon in the TLC room. If you'd like to attend, let staff know.
- Comments, questions or recommendations for next months' agenda?

Comments / Summary:

- Ask Council Member Robin Arredondo-Savage to attend the next CDC meeting to discuss an October event and priorities.
- Obtain information on the status of the viewing screens for the City Council Remodel.
- Add the attendance policy in the CDC handbook
- The next CDC meeting is October 7, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Motion: Request for adjournment:

Motion: Commissioner Jeffrey C. Oats

Second: Commissioner Bethany Lien

Motion carried unanimously, 8 approved, 1 absent,

Votes

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