



Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
August 3, 2020

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Virtual meeting.

MEMBERS Present:

Chair Katherine Schmidt
Bethany Lien
Vice Chair Irene Mochel
Rene Williams
Paul Kent
Maranda M. Childress
Tracey Maye
Viki Peer

MEMBERS Absent:

Jeff Oats (called in after meeting was over)

Guests:

John Federico, VMAAG and Tempe Transportation Comm. Representative

Office of Strategic Management and Diversity Staff Present:

Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Chair Katherine Schmidt 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 – March 2, 2020 Minutes

Motion: Approval of the February 3, 2020 CDC Minutes with Amendment

Motion: Comm. Paul Kent

Second: Comm. Rene Williams

Motion carried unanimously, 7 approved, 1 absent, 1 Abstained

Votes

Y Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.

Y Irene Mochel

Y Rene Williams

Y Paul Kent

Y Maranda Childress

Y Ben Campbell

AB Bethany Lien

A Jeffrey C. Oats

_Y__ Tracey Maye

Item 3. Discussion: Tempe COVID-19 Status

Equity and Inclusion Manager Jonae Harrison updated the commission regarding Tempe's COVID-19 status. Tempe's planned phased opening was to occur on June 15, however the pandemic levels were still too high. However, some services and facilities have opened. These include multigeneration centers which are serving as cooling centers for people who cannot get out of the head. Also swimming pools are open.

Most large public events planned for the rest of the year are not occurring physically. Some will pivot to occur virtually. This includes the Tempe Tardeada, 2021 Unity Walk and other large events.

Economic recovery is on everyone's mind and there are discussions weekly being held on how we come back. When the pandemic subsides to a low enough level, the city will open up with secure measures in place, including masks, and other preventative measures. At this time, we don't know when that will be.

Tempe's 2021 Budget has adjustments taking place. While Tempe will receive \$22.5 million in Cares Act funding, it must be used directly for public safety, however this does allow us to redirect some public safety city fund, to minimize reductions elsewhere.

4. Discussion: Tempe's BEST Year 2 Status

Tempe's BEST completed its 3rd Quarter report to the grantor, the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC). A copy has been provided to commissioners electronically. Status: We still have three BEST employees working! Two have graduated Tempe's BEST and one is almost ready to graduate. They are still eligible to receive assistance at any time. We are working with ASU and Community Colleges to obtain applicants who might be interested in professional level positions. Most entry level type positions are on hold due to COVID-19 and budget adjustments. We were issued an application to apply for \$124,731 in Year 3 funds and are in the process of putting that application together for submission before August 25, 2020. The city has committed to providing more than 100% in-kind and cash match, as well as working towards sustainability in Year 4.

5. Discussion: ADA Transition Plan Status

Phase III. We are currently in Phase III of data gathering which covers the Rights of way in south Tempe, and 78 facilities and parks. Cole Engineering and their sub-contractor, Life Quest are collecting the data. Data gathering should be completed by November. After which a report will be written, and then we will

start a 3-month Public Involvement Process. thereafter. This Public Involvement Process will entail visiting (in-person or virtually) different disability agencies that have advocacy groups to obtain public comments. We will also present at any conferences, fairs and other opportunities including departments and city commissions. There will be a survey on-line and other outreach activities as well.

Transition Plan Workflow. We had a meeting today with department representatives on the progress of providing data - the workflow - of the ADA Transition plan, which is where we will be reporting the things that have been fixed, so that that activity is reflected on the ADA Story Map.

6. Discussion: July 26 – ADA 30th Anniversary Celebration

The www.tempe.gov/ADA website includes information on the Mayor's Proclamation and other events we participated in to celebrate the ADA 30th Anniversary.

7. Discussion: Date of Next meeting

Labor Day impacts September's meeting time. So, the next meeting will be October 5, 2020. We will announce in late September if that will be a virtual meeting or not, but it will most likely be virtual.

8: Discussion: Announcements

- We want to recognize Commissioner Jeff Oats birthday today.
- August 31st will be Michele Stokes' last day with the City of Tempe as she has resigned in order to provide caregiving to her husband with Parkinson's. Until a person is hired for the position, if there are any concerns, please contact Jonae Harrison.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Reviewed by:

Jonae Harrison, JD, Equity & Inclusion Manager
Strategic Management & Diversity Office