



**Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
March 2, 2020**

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, March 2, 2020, 6:30 p.m., at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd., Board Room, Tempe, Arizona, 85282.

MEMBERS Present:

Chair Katherine Schmidt
Vice Chair Irene Mochel (6:40)
Jeff Oats
Rene Williams
Paul Kent
Maranda M. Childress
Tracey Maye
Viki Peer

MEMBERS Absent:

Bethany Lien

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 – February 3, 2020 Minutes

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

Motion: Comm. Rene Williams

Second: Comm. Maranda Childress

Motion carried unanimously, 6 approved, 2 absent at time of vote.

Votes

Katherine Schmidt Ph.D.

Irene Mochel

Rene Williams

Paul Kent

Maranda Childress

Ben Campbell

Bethany Lien

Jeffrey C. Oats

Tracey Maye

Item 3. Discussion: Mayor's Disability Awards

The status of the Mayor's Disability Awards preparation is below:

- **Theme:**
ADA³⁰ - Advancing Abilities and Inclusion
- **Contract**
Finalizing the contract next week – waiting on information on whether the in-house Food and Beverage vendor can provide the food or if we will need to use a contractor. In March – we will set up a walk-through to discuss details.

- **Sponsors**

- Tempe Diablos Charities - \$4,200 (direct to the award recipients)
- Strategic Management and Diversity Office - \$2,000
- Title Sponsor: Cole & Associates - \$1,000
- Advocacy Sponsor: Irene and Lynn Mochel - \$500
- Advocacy Sponsor: Believe I can Academy - \$500
- Friend Sponsor: Dr. Katherine Schmidt - \$100
- Friend Sponsor: Bobbie's Flowers & Marketplace – Boutonnieres

- **Applications**

There have been 21 applications received. Deadline is March 27. Tempe Public Information Office marketed the request for applications via several press releases, e-mail blasts, and a water bill insert. Staff also sent out email blasts to various agencies, entities, and disability networks.

- **Speaker**

Several speakers are being contacted regarding availability:

- CEO J. J. Rick, Arizona Council on Disability Law
- Dr. Nanette Odell, Az ADA Coordinators Coalition Chair
- Director Erica McFadden, ADDPC
- Founder Harry Wolfe, Audible Talkers Toastmasters

- **Entertainment**

Several entertainment options are being contacted regarding availability. There were several performers contacted who were not available.

The current options are:

- Seth LeBlond – Adult Singer (Blind) -Video provided and shown
- Believe I Can Academy - Youth Dancers (Neurodiversity)
- Higher Octave Healing - Teen Band (Neurodiversity)

The Awards will be hosted at the Tempe Center for the Arts, on April 28, 3:00p.m. to 5:30p.m. Nominations are requested. Please reach out to your communities and ask for nominations: www.tempe.gov/disabilityawards.

4. Discussion: Tempe's BEST / Applying for Challenge Opportunity

An application featuring Tempe's BEST program was submitted to Challenge.gov via The Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services (HHS). The competition was for businesses and others to expand human capital pipelines by drawing upon highly talented and diverse workforces, inclusive of people with disabilities. A response should be received in April 2020. More information is in the folder.

This was made possible in partnership with supporters of Tempe's BEST:

- 1st Place Arizona
- Arizona Employment First
- Arizona DES, Div. of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)
- Arizona DES, Div. of Rehab. Services Admin. Voc. Rehabilitation (VR)
- Best Buddies Arizona
- Focus Employment Services
- NAU/ Az Technology Access Program (AzTAP)
- The Centers for Habilitation (TCH)

5. Discussion: Community Forum: Policing

Commissioners are invited to attend a forum on policing on March 3rd at 6 p.m. at Tempe Church of Christ, 2424 S. Mill Avenue. CART and ASL Interpreters will be providing. The facility will also have a handwash station and accessible Portable restroom available. Information on the Forum is included in the folder.

6. Discussion: Council Chamber Dedication – Accessible Amenities.

A flyer is in the folder that details Tempe's City Council Chambers Renovation – Accessibility Features. The features include:

- Reconstruction ADA Compliant aisle slopes, seating locations and dais.
- Accessible family restroom with an adult changing table
- Induction hearing loop (OtoJoy) serving the council chambers
- Multiple TV screens are located around the room – tablets are available for close up viewing accommodations
- Power Stations at every other row of seats for electronic devices
- Automatic door openers

7. Discussion: Announcements

In the folder is an ADA Compliance Update sent to Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), that gives some current information on the ADA

Transition Plan. This report is required to be sent annually to ADOT to show that the ADA Transition Plan is being implemented.

Next meeting will be April 6, 2020. The Disability Awards Nomination Judging will be the main item on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Reviewed by:

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