



MINUTES
MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS
APRIL 5, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, April 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Virtual meeting.

Members Present: 9

- ✓ Chair Katherine Schmidt
- ✓ Vice Chair Irene Mochel
- ✓ Bethany Lien
- ✓ Jeff Oats (arrived late)
- ✓ Kevin Cullens

Members Absent: 0

- ✓ Paul Kent
- ✓ Rene Williams
- ✓ Tracey Maye
- ✓ Viki Peer

Guests:

- John Federico, public appearance

Staff Present:

- Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist
- Jonae Harrison, Equity & Inclusion Manager
- Craig Hayton, Community Services Parks & Recreation Director
- Shawn Wagner, Community Services Parks & Recreation

Chair Katherine Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome: New Commissioner Kevin Cullens

Commissioner Kevin Cullens introduced himself as a U.S. Navy disabled veteran who works as the Safety Manager for the City of Scottsdale. He has completed the ADA Coordinators Training Certification Program and has 20 years' experience leading technical and operation teams towards ADA compliance and inclusion.



2. Call to the Public

None

3. Review and Approval of Minutes – March 1, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Approval of March 1, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Comm. Jeff Oats, Second: Vice Chair Irene Mochel,

Motion: Carried unanimously

4. Review and Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Approval of March 17, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Vice Chair Irene Mochel, Second: Comm. Rene Williams

Motion: Carried unanimously

5. Presentation and Discussion: City of Tempe Parks & Recreations

Craig Hayton, Tempe Parks & Recreation Director, presented and answered questions. A summary of his presentation and discussion includes:

- Plan overview: The P&R master plan is a comprehensive, 10-year planning document.
- Plan format: Story Map as an interactive, online plan format.
- Guiding principles: Focusing our efforts on four key principles (inclusion, resilience, strategic & sustainable)
 - Inclusion: what it is, what it means for parks and recreation, and some key strategies for the planning period
- Next Steps & timeline:
 - Public meeting & survey, boards/commissions and council work study session in March/April
 - Compile, consider & incorporate changes in May
 - Finalize & seek plan adoption in June
- Questions & input: Commission members provided input and asked questions, including how they can be part of the RFP process to make sure new efforts are inclusive and what specialist(s) Parks & Recreation is working with to help pick and purchase ADA complaint equipment.



6. Discussion and Vote: /Mayors Awards Ceremony

Nanette announced that Cole Design Group, Inc. will be the Title Sponsor with a \$1,000 donation towards the event.

Motion: Accept the 2 nominees from 2020 and award them and the 2021 Graduates with \$200 each.

Motion: Comm. Jeff Oats, Second: Paul Kent,

Motion: Carried unanimously

Motion: Accept all the Outstanding Youth nominees and present them with a certificate.

Motion: Vice Chair Irene Mochel, Second: Bethany Lien

Motion: Carried unanimously

7. Updates: ADA Compliance Specialist

Nanette updated the Commission on a variety of current efforts which mainly include the Disability Awards efforts and BEST.

8. Discussion: Announcements - None

Next Meeting: Monday, May 3rd, 2021 6:30 pm - Virtual

- Presentation by Fire Dept. Patient Advocate Services
- Awards Ceremony Efforts

Motion: Adjourn the meeting

Motion: Comm. Paul Kent

Second: Comm. Bethany Lien

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

Minutes prepared by Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist