



**MINUTES**  
**MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, September 13th, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Virtual meeting.

Members Present: 8

- ✓ Chair Katherine Schmidt
- ✓ Vice Chair Irene Mochel
- ✓ Bethany Lien
- ✓ Jeff Oats
- ✓ Kevin Cullens

Members Absent: 1

- ✓ Paul Kent
- ✓ Rene Williams
- ✓ Jacob Bunch
- A Tracey Maye

Guests:

- Tim Stump, DES, presenter
- John Federico, public appearance

Staff Present:

- Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist

**Chair Katherine Schmidt** called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**1. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 2ND, 2021 MINUTES**

**Motion:** Approval of August 2nd, 2021 Minutes

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

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

**3. DISCUSSION:**

Introduction of newest Commissioner: Jacob Bunch

**4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: TIM STUMP, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION EMPLOYER LIAISON**

Tim Stump discussed the April 12<sup>th</sup> Virtual Mockinterviewapalooze that will take place from 2-6 pm. April was chosen so students who are preparing to graduate have recent experience with virtual interviews and/or may hopefully get an employment offer. Virtual workshops will be held on how to develop an “elevator speech”, virtual interviews, etc. The Commissioners are supportive of this and have offered to assist, when needed.

**5. DISCUSSION: MAYORS AWARDS CEREMONY: PLANNING FOR FUTURE EVENTS**

Commissioner Williams presented on efforts to clarify the following items:

A. Donations provided need to be general so the funds can be used for scholarships, programming, etc. as needed.

B. Categories will/can include:

a. Outstanding High School Student (mandatory) - a monetary award will be given to every nominated student with a disability who is transitioning from high school to pursue further education or training. The student must demonstrate dedication and success as a student, employee, or volunteer.

b. Optional Awards (which may vary each year)

1. Outstanding Youth Award – given to any youth with a disability who demonstrates dedication and success as a student or volunteer.

2. Tempe Mayor’s Disability Commission Award of Merit: An Award given to any non-youth individual who has improved the quality of life for Tempe citizens with a disability. Including but not limited to:

- Greater Inclusion
- Social Participation
- Employment
- Health Care
- Education



3. Pride of the City Award: An Award given to any extraordinary organization or business which has improved the quality of life for Tempe citizens with a disability. Including but not limited to:
  - Greater Inclusion
  - Social Participation
  - Employment
  - Health Care
  - Education
  
4. One-Time Specialty Award: An award of any title given by the Commission to any extraordinary person, organization or business

**Motion:** Approval of proposed donation use, categories and descriptions

**Motion:** Comm. Bethany Lien, **Second:** Comm. Paul Kent

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

#### **6. UPDATES: ADA COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST**

Nanette updated the Commission on a variety of current efforts including recent presentations, efforts with the Tempe ADA Liaisons and five sub-committees that relate to the five pillars, Wayfinding projects and the BEST program.

#### **7. DISCUSSION: MOCKINTERVIEWAPALOOZE**

The group discussed the history of this event and the CDC's previous involvement, which including having a table at it and helping to direct those who attended this at the Tempe Library. It is not clear if this will be held this year so staff are checking into this and will notify the group accordingly. If this is happening, the CDC would like to maintain the same level of involvement as in the past.

#### **8. DISCUSSION: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**



**MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING**

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

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Minutes prepared by Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist