



MINUTES
MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS
DECEMBER 6, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING

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

Members Present: 8

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

Members Absent: 0

- ✓ Rene Williams
- ✓ Jacob Bunch
- ✓ Bethany Lien
- ✓ Paul Kent

Guests:

- John Federico
- Ron Tillman
- Kathy Jefferson
- Rob Personale

Staff Present:

- Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist

Chair Katherine Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Kathy Jefferson introduced herself to the group and had no other comment.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1ST, 2021 MINUTES

Motion: Approval of November 1st, 2021 Minutes

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

Motion: Carried unanimously

3. DISCUSSION:

Rob Personale, from the Tempe Diablos, introduced himself and formally presented the news to the group that a check is in the mail for \$4200 to apply towards the 2022 Annual Mayors Disability Awards

event. They will also send a picture of the large check handover. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Personale and the Tempe Diablos for the generous donation.

Nanette updated the Commission on the efforts towards this annual event. While Tempe Center for the Arts has been the site for several years, holding the event at the History Museum will afford the flexibility of live attendees but also live recording to stream for those who cannot attend. Mr. Personale stated the Tempe Diablos would like to be kept updated and hope to have representatives attend this event scheduled for Tuesday April 5th, 2022.

4. GUEST PRESENTATION: RON TILLMAN, HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Ron Tillman introduced himself to the Commission and shared his history with his hearing loss. He discussed efforts of the Hearing Loss Association of America and their monthly meetings held at various times based on chapters. He reported being part of the Nov. 6th Walk 4 Hearing that included 400 participants and raised over \$56,000.

Mr. Tillman encouraged the group to learn more and informed them of the June 23-25th HLAA Annual Conference being held in Tampa Florida next year.

He answered questions by the Commissioners and made himself available for future contact.

5. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: 2021 CDC ANNUAL REPORT

Nanette showed the group the 2021 Annual Report, including a summary of 2021 and accomplishments then 2022 goals for discussion. For both of these, the focus is around City Councils Strategic Priorities:

1. Safe and Secure Communities
2. Strong Community Connections
3. Quality of Life

4. Sustainable Growth and Development

5. Financial Stability

Many of the goals are continuations of previous efforts but new ones discussed in more depth include:

- Provide input on efforts towards the Gila River Indian Community Wayfinding Grant
- Assist in promoting best practices in intersection curb ramp access, crosswalks and shared use paths
- Assist in efforts towards universal parking at all new or modified City of Tempe parking lots

Motion: Approval of the 2021 Annual CDC Report

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

Motion: Carried unanimously

6. UPDATES: ADA COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

Nanette updated and demonstrated efforts on a variety of current efforts including:

- ADA Transition Plan Spreadsheet and efforts
- GRIC – Phase II Efforts related to internal wayfinding

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2022

MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING

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

Motion: Carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Minutes prepared by Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist