



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS**  
**JUNE 6, 2022 - VIRTUAL MEETING**

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, June 6, 2022, 6:34 p.m., In-person and Virtual meeting.

Members Present: 4

- ✓ Vice Chair Paul Kent
- ✓ Jacob Bunch
- ✓ Kathy Jefferson
- ✓ Irene Mochel

Members Absent: 3

- A Chair Katherine Schmidt
- A Jeff Oats
- A Bethany Lien

Guests:

- Jay Whipple, Foundation for Blind Children

Staff Present:

- Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist

**1. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2022 MINUTES**

**Motion:** Approval of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Minutes

**Motion:** Comm. Irene Mochel

**Second:** Comm. Jacob Bunch

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

**3. COMMISSIONER TRANSITIONS**

Nanette notified the group of Rene Williams resignation from the Commission. Replacement for her and Kevin Cullens is going to City Council soon.

#### **4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: JAY WHIPPLE, FOUNDATION FOR BLIND CHILDREN**

After a presentation from Jay Whipple, that included examples of guide strips, the group discussed efforts to increase access and inclusion for those with vision loss, especially at crosswalks, and would like to see this on the next agenda to continue the discussion. Also discussed was the importance of audible crosswalks and hope that efforts towards these can potentially include a collaboration between Tempe and ASU, specifically in relation to the guide strips.

#### **5. TEMPE TOMORROW GENERAL PLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP**

**Motion:** After offering to be involved, motion to nominate Kathy Jefferson and Jacob Bunch to this TAG.

**Motion:** Comm. Irene Mochel

**Second:** Vice-Chair Paul Kent

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

#### **6. DISCUSSION AND VOTE: 2023 MAYOR'S DISABILITY AWARDS EVENT**

The group discussed looking at other venues to help ensure additional space for a larger event and turn-out. The solicitation of nominations needs to be expanded and the name of the event is a topic that Vice-Chair would like to consider changing.

#### **7. DISCUSSION AND VOTE: CDC MEETINGS FOR REMAINDER OF 2022**

**Motion:** Motion to approve recommended changes to upcoming CDC meeting dates which include:

- July 2022...Skip for Summer
- August 2022...Postpone from Aug. 1st (Nanette out of town) to 8th
- September 2022...Postpone from Sept. 5th (Labor Day) to 12th
- October 2022...Keep to Oct. 3rd
- November 2022...Keep to Nov. 7th
- December 2022...Keep to Dec. 5th



**Motion:** Comm. Irene Mochel

**Second:** Comm. Kathy Jefferson

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

**8. UPDATES: ADA COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST**

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2022**

Location: Tempe Library and Virtual

**MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING**

**Motion:** Comm. Irene Mochel

**Second:** Comm. Kathy Jefferson

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM