Tempe

Minutes
Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns
May 2, 2016

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Board Room, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

MEMBERS Present:
Chair Irene Mochel
Rachel Phillips
Kim W. Fisher via phone
Ben Campbell
Diane Moran
Tom Ringhofer

MEMBERS Absent:
Jeff Oats
Vice-Chair Paul Bennewitz
Wendy Benz

Guests:

Carol Ketcherside, Dept. Planning and Mobility Services Director
Heidi Braswell

Diversity Staff Present:

Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Chair Irene Mochel called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Public Appearances

None

Item 1 - Consideration of Minutes MCDC – February 1, 2016 Minutes

The April 4, 2016 CDC Minutes were **APPROVED**.
Motion: **Tom Ringhofer**, Commissioner.
Second: **Diane Moran,** Commissioner. **Motion carried**.

Item 2 –Valley Metro Accessibility Advisory Group (VMAAG) and ADA Paratransit updated – Carol Ketcherside, Dept. Planning and Mobility Services Director and Ron Brooks, Manager of Accessible Transit Services

Presentation provided by Carol Ketcherside on a number of changes occurring. This information is also available at www.valleymetro.org. Changes are expected to start on July 1, 2016, unless otherwise noted.

- Valley Metro Transit bus and Dial-a-Ride service changes will increase frequency of many routes and areas starting October 24, 2016. Information is available on the specific route changes at www.valleymetro.org. These are being funded through Proposition 104 and other funds.

- A Valley Metro Access Advisory Group is being developed who will be assisting with the planning and construction for the 50th Street Light Rail Station that will be built by 2019, as well as provide guidance on print and website accessibility to ensure access. The application period is closed. Members will be selected for 2 year terms.

- Tempe Streetcar is expected to open in 2019 and it will connect more people to the light rail.

- ADA Dial-a-Ride will be a regional service; riders will not have to transfer at city jurisdictional border.

Item 3 – May 4th ADA Transition Plan Public Involvement – Open House, Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz.

Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz was not able to attend. Staff reported that materials for the Open House at the Tempe Library are available at www.tempe.gov/ADA. Commissioners are encouraged to attend and to fill out the short survey addressing priority of what to address first. The Survey is available on line at the website. There will be two sessions: 10 – Noon and 5 – 7p.m. The 5 p.m. session will be videotaped. The Comment period will end on May 25th. Please share this information with others.

Item 4 - Mayor's Disability Awards Feedback – Comm. Rachel Phillips

Comments and Suggestions for 2017 Disability Awards:

- The music performer was good.
- It was wonderful, but we need a bigger place or way to control the attendance, we maxed out the room.
- The Mayor recognized Commissioners this year, which was good.
- We need to ensure that the Sponsors receive a certificate/letter of thanks on stage to be recognized with the Mayor.
- We should have nametags for Commissioners so they know who we are when we are greeting or thanking them afterwards.
- Should have cookies or desert only and in the lobby, not on the patio.
- Awards were beautiful.
- Food could have been better and the serving time was miscalculated.

Item 5 – Discussion regarding Technology and Information Access for Individuals with Cognitive Disabilities – Comm. Kim W. Fisher

Information was shared regarding the need for technological access and further development will be discussed at the next meeting. A meeting will be set up with the Chair to plan out a strategy.

Item 6 – Promoting Toilet Room Access – Comm. Tom Ringhofer

The issue will be promoted via Tempe Today insert for October with a statement along with other CDC activities occurring in October, i.e. Job Fair.

Item 7 – Announcements

Flyer for "May is Better Hearing and Speech Month" was included in the folder.

Motion to adjourn: **Comm. Rachel Phillips**
Second: **Comm. Tom Ringhofer**
Approved - Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

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