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**Minutes**  
**Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns**  
**September 12, 2016**

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Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting which was held on Monday, September 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Board Room, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

**MEMBERS Present:**

Chair Irene Mochel  
Vice-Chair Paul Bennewitz  
Tom Ringhofer  
Diane Moran by phone  
Wendy Benz by phone

**MEMBERS Absent:**

Jeff Oats  
Ben Campbell  
Kim W. Fisher  
Rachel Phillips

**Guests:**

None present

**Diversity Staff Present:**

Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

**Chair Irene Mochel** called the meeting to order at 6:55 P.M.

**Item 1 – Call to the Public: Please Fill out a card if you wish to Speak.**

No public were present.

**Item 2 - Consideration of Minutes MCDC – August 1, 2016 Minutes**

The August 1, 2016 CDC Minutes were **APPROVED** as amended.

Motion: **Paul Bennewitz, Vice Chair**

Second: **Tom Ringhofer, Commissioner. Motion carried.**

**Item 3 – Discussion: Information Access/ Needs Assessment – Comm. Kim W. Fisher**

Item deferred.

**Item 4 – Discussion: Mayor's Disability Awards – Chair Irene Mochel**

Chair Irene Mochel indicated that the need for sponsors is great and commissioners are to seek sponsors. It was recommended that a letter encouraging employers to sponsor, and submit nominations, be developed for Commissioners to share with employers at the "Tempe Presents: Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Disability Job Fair on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on limiting the attendance to comply with room capacity. Commission does not want to have "tickets" distributed through the Tempe Center for the Arts as it is less personal, and not customary with this event. A cap will be given as to how many guests can attend with the winner and strict RSVP protocols will be required. Commissioner Ringhofer asked if SRP's facility was approached to see if it would be suitable for the awards. Staff will follow up. Discussion was held on marketing verbiage reflecting: "cookies and beverages" that will be available at the end of the event.

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### **Item 5 – Discussion: Access Tempe – Chair Irene Mochel**

The ACCESS TEMPE beta version of the web map is found at: <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/strategic-management-and-diversity/ada-accessibility/access-tempe>. A second expansion of the services category will begin in the next few months as well as the links to the map.

A copy of all data pertaining to services was provided in Commissioner folders. If there are services or other data that should be included in the second expansion, please forward the information to staff. Additional Housing resources will be added as well. Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz indicated that resources pertaining to Down Syndrome services should be included. Staff will follow up.

### **Item 6 – Discussion: Tempe Presents: Job Fair- Chair Irene Mochel**

The **Tempe Presents: Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Disability Job Fair** will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> in the lower level of the Tempe Library, Rooms A, B, and TLC, from 9 – 2. It will be focused towards people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing (D/HH) as well as people who have any disability. DES Rehabilitation Services Administration (**RSA**) asked if Tempe could include the Deaf / Hard of Hearing focus as there is a tremendous need in the East Valley for such a job fair. Employers are still needed. Flyers on the Job Fair and Employer recruitment were provided in Commission folders.

**RSA** will be sponsoring the job fair by providing employers, ASL Interpreters, employer-sensitivity, and applicant-preparation workshops. They will provide an ASL interpreter at every employer's table to facilitate communication and will outreach to employers to attend. **Arizona Relay Services 711** is providing sponsorship to cover some of the event costs.

Two 30-minute D/HH Customer Service trainings will be offered to Library Staff, other City staff, and event volunteers on October 12, at 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The training will graciously be provided by: RSA's Statewide Coordinator for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Sue Kay Kneifel, MA, CRC.

**Volunteers** are needed the afternoon of October 19 to set up. Tables will be needed to be brought over from the Museum and set up. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, Commissioners are needed to staff the CDC table, from 9 – 2; distribute letters to the employers; serve as rovers, and help with tear down after 2 p.m.

**Item 7 – Review and Approval: Mission and/or Vision Statements – Chair Irene Mochel**

Discussion was held on verbiage for the CDC mission and vision statements. The following statements were approved.

**MISSION:** The Commission on Disability Concerns will advise the Mayor, Council, City Departments, and others by making recommendations to facilitate access and inclusion for people with disabilities in our Tempe community.

**VISION:** Promoting Awareness, Ability, Access, Advocacy, and Achievements

The CDC Mission and Vision Statements were **APPROVED:**

Motion: **Paul Bennewitz, Vice Chair**

Second: **Diane Moran, Comm. Motion carried.**

**Item 8 - 2016 Review and Approval: 2016 Annual Report – Chair Irene Mochel**

Discussion was held on the contents of the draft Annual Report and amendments were recommended.

The CDC 2016 Annual Report were **APPROVED**, as amended:

Motion: **Wendy Benz, Comm.**

Second: **Diane Moran, Comm. Motion carried.**

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## Item 9 - Announcements

**Tempe Publicity on October as Disability Awareness month** will include information on the Tempe Presents: Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Disability Job Fair; public restroom access reminder; Tempe's accessible parking space policy; parking enforcement information; request for information on curb ramps that need repair and the Access Tempe web map.

**The Hearing Loss Association of America Working Adults Chapter**, (HLAA) meeting in Tempe, will be hosting their next meeting at the TLC room in the Tempe Library on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to Noon. A flyer for the HLAA Walk 4 Hearing was included in Commissioner folders.

**Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona** is promoting "Buckle Up" as over half of all reported traumatic brain injuries are the result of an automobile accident. Flyer on Dan Mannon, Brain Injury Survivor, story was included in Commissioner folders.

**Right of Way** - Commissioner Ringhofer said that there was a concern with the sidewalk crossing at Price and Southern, going North across Southern due to the median. Staff will relay the concern to the department.

**Request for item on September agenda:** Fry's on Southern and Mill – Comm. Ringhofer. Concerns regarding right of way access and parking. Staff will follow up and report in September.

Motion to adjourn: **Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz**

Second: **Comm. Tom Ringhofer, Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

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Reviewed by:



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