



CITY OF TUCSON  
 COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES  
 (CODI)  
 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Tucson Commission on Disability Issues was called to order by Barton Beck, Chair, on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., at Eastside City Hall, in the Conference Room, located at 7575 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.

**1. Roll Call**

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Vacancy	Mayor	
Vacancy	Ward 1	
Larry Lucas	Ward 2	Present
Michael Pesce – Vice Chair	Ward 3	Present
Barton Beck – Chair	Ward 4	Present
Vacancy	Ward 5	
Robert Blizzard	Ward 6	Present
George H. McFerron	Mayor/Council	Absent
Jeffrey Handt	Mayor/Council	Present
Phyllis A. Cowman	Mayor/Council	Present
Vacancy	City Manager	
Jean Paul Jorquera	City Manager	Present
Sharon M. Ferrari	City Manager	Absent
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Representing</b>	
John Zukas	City of Tucson Transportation Department	
Karin Erickson	Sun Tran	
Alison Colter-Mack	Equal Opportunity Office	
Sat Bir Kaur Khalsa	Human Relations Commission	
Rick Guerra	Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office	
<b>Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>	
Brendon	Guest	
Mike Pliska	Guest	
Ruth Ann Roger	Guest	
Anna Deligio	Self Advocacy Coalition of Arizona	
Ana Martinez	Pima Council On Aging	
Roger Randolph	Chief Deputy City Clerk	
Veronica Sainz	Assistant City Clerk – Elections	
Randy Jones	City Clerk's Office – Elections	
Ben Mendoza	City Clerk's Office – Elections	
Helen Monroe	Sun Tran – Customer Service	

## **2. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2006, and December 20, 2006**

MOTION by Mr. Handt, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. McFerron and Ms. Ferrari absent) to approve the minutes of November 15, 2006.

MOTION by Mr. Handt, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. McFerron and Ms. Ferrari absent) to approve the minutes of December 20, 2006.

## **3. Staff Reports – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

- a. ADA Eligibility/Transportation – John Zukas reported for the month of January there were two hundred ninety-one (291) ADA Eligibility applications requested, three hundred eight (308) applications received, thirty-nine (39) applications returned incomplete, two hundred ninety-three (293) applications processed and nine (9) applications denied. He also reported that they were set up internally to process the electronic vouchers, however, they were not set up to accept credit card payment. They were waiting for the hardware to be hard coded for the electronic cash-register system, once completed, they could run a test for two months and then possibly go live after that. They envision this system saving the city around thirty thousand (30,000) dollars.
- b. Sun Tran - Karin Erickson reported for the month of January there were two hundred thirty (230) service reports, of those reports there were eight (8) specific to the ADA community, of those specific reports six (6) were found to be valid and two (2) not to be valid. Service enhancements had been made to Route 8 and Route 16 where over crowding was occurring. Another enhancement was adding some late night services for riders.
- c. Van Tran – No report was given.
- d. Parks & Recreation – Susan Jansen notified Rick Guerra, City Clerk's Office that she would not attend the CODI meeting and asked that he read her report. Mr. Guerra reported the ADA project of making an accessible route from the bus stop at Twenty-second Street and Randolph Way to the Edith Ball Adaptive Center was near completion.

- e. Equal Opportunity Programs – Alison Colter-Mack reported they were finished with the disability awareness training of four thousand five hundred (4,500) City employees as part of the Settlement Agreement with the Department of Justice.
- f. Human Relations Commission (HRC) – Sat Bir Kaur Khalsa said she wanted to thank Mr. Pesce for participating as a judge in the Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest. She also wanted to thank Mr. Blizzard for attending the HRC meetings and keeping them current on important issues. Peace Walk Tucson, which was a Jewish and Muslim peace walk to foster peaceful relationships, would be held on May 20, 2007.

#### **4. 2007 Polling Place Locations – City Clerk’s Office**

Veronica Sainz, Assistant City Clerk gave a presentation on the role of the City Clerk’s Office in finding polling place locations that were ADA complaint and asked for assistance from the Commission in this process. The Commission indicated their commitment to assisting with polling place locations.

#### **5. Call to the Audience**

Mike Pliska said that Amphi High School had a student program called the DECA Club. Through his involvement with the school, he said he thought the students would participate in assisting at the polling locations for the City of Tucson Election. He suggested that the City Clerk’s Office contact the school for details.

#### **6. Break**

#### **7. Chairperson’s Summary of Current Events – Informational Only**

Chair Beck announced that by the next CODI meeting Ana Martinez should be serving as a CODI commissioner. He also announced Linkages would be having its Second Annual Building Bridges Awards Luncheon on March 14, 2007.

## **8. Commission Member's Summary of Current Events – Informational Only**

Mr. Handt met with Development Services and said that they would speak on a monthly basis to improve communications.

Ms. Cowman announced there would be a Piece the Puzzle Autism Walk and Run fundraiser on April 14, 2007.

Mr. Blizzard announced Transit on the Move Modern Streetcar Project would meet March 28, 2007.

## **9. Sub-committee Reports**

- a. Public Relations/Education – Mr. Pesce reported the Martin Luther King, Jr. workshop went well and that they would repeat the workshop with the Multi-faith Alliance in four to six months. He also said planning the conference for March 2008 was still being worked on.
- b. Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA) – Mr. Handt reported having difficulties with the City Clerk's Office when trying to schedule the last SPAA sub-committee meeting. He also said he attended a meeting with Development Services at which they said they would work to have a greater rapport than in the past.
- c. Transportation – Mr. Blizzard reported Sun Tran had a new web site with a trip planning feature. He also reported there were twelve (12) new buses that were equipped with three (3) wheelchair bays.
- d. Housing – Chair Beck reported meeting with Emily Nottingham, Community Services Department and being impressed with the information provided regarding Housing, Community Development and Human Services. He also reported Mr. McFerron and Ms. Altaffer gave a presentation to Council Members Carol West, Shirley Scott and Jose Ibarra on the Inclusive Home Design Ordinance.
- e. Employment – No report was given.

**10. Budget Report and Expenditures – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

Rick Guerra, City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary reported that the remaining CODI funds in the fiscal year 2006 - 2007 budget at that time were \$2,449.39.

a. "Service Animals Welcome" Stickers  
No Action Was Taken

b. "Help Wanted" Newspaper Ads for CODI Commissioners  
No Action Was Taken

**11. Introduction of Potential CODI Commissioner – Mike Pliska Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

MOTION by Mr. Blizzard, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. McFerron and Ms. Ferrari absent) to forward a recommendation of Mike Pliska for the Mayor's vacancy on CODI.

**12. CODI Consideration of Sponsoring Accessible Home Builder Awards – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

MOTION by Ms. Cowman, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. McFerron and Ms. Ferrari absent) to table Items 12 through 18.

**13. CODI Letter Recommending Mike Marlin as the Representative From Tucson/Pima County Library System – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

This item was tabled by motion during Item 12.

**14. CODI Retreat Planning Subcommittee – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

This item was tabled by motion during Item 12.

**15. The Disability Community LISTSERV: How Best To Use It? – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

This item was tabled by motion during Item 12.

**16. CODI Representative To CTAC –  
Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

This item was tabled by motion during Item 12.

**17. Annual CODI Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Elections –  
Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

This item was tabled by motion during Item 12.

**18. Future Agenda Items**

This item was tabled by motion during Item 12.

**19. Adjournment: 4:35pm**