



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, March 21, 2007, at 2:35 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                                     | Absent                |
| Barton Beck – Chair        | Ward 4                                     | Present               |
| Vacancy                    | Ward 5                                     |                       |
| Robert Blizzard            | Ward 6                                     | Present               |
| George H. McFerron         | Mayor/Council                              | Present               |
| Jeffrey Handt              | Mayor/Council                              | Present               |
| Phyllis A. Cowman          | Mayor/Council                              | Absent                |
| Ana Martinez               | City Manager                               | Present               |
| Jean Paul Jorquera         | City Manager                               | Absent                |
| Sharon M. Ferrari          | City Manager                               | Present               |
| <b>Staff Present</b>       | <b>Representing</b>                        |                       |
| John Zukas                 | City of Tucson Transportation Department   |                       |
| Karin Erickson             | Sun Tran                                   |                       |
| Mary McLain                | Van Tran                                   |                       |
| Susan Jansen               | Parks & Recreation                         |                       |
| Alison Colter-Mack         | Equal Opportunity Office – Departed 3:00pm |                       |
| 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             | Self Advocacy Coalition of Arizona         |                       |
| Anna Deligio               | Self Advocacy Coalition of Arizona         |                       |
| Veronica Sainz             | Assistant City Clerk – Elections           |                       |
| Randy Jones                | City Clerk’s Office – Elections            |                       |
| Ben Mendoza                | City Clerk’s Office – Elections            |                       |
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## **2. Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2007**

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

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

- a. ADA Eligibility/Transportation – John Zukas reported for the month of February there were two hundred seventy-nine (279) ADA Eligibility applications requested, two hundred seventy-three (273) applications received, thirty-eight (38) applications returned incomplete, two hundred (200) applications processed and two (2) applications denied. He also reported that they were set up internally to process the electronic vouchers, however, they were having issues with the debit system. Once resolved the plan would be to implement a test group in mid April.
- b. Sun Tran - Karin Erickson reported for the month of February there were two hundred eighty-six (286) service reports, of those reports there were forty-three (43) inquires, thirty-five (35) compliments and one hundred seventy-seven (177) complaints. Upon investigation of those complaints, twenty-nine (29) were chargeable, one hundred forty-eight (148) were not chargeable and thirty-one (31) were miscellaneous. Specific to ADA complaints there were six (6), upon investigation of those complaints two (2) were chargeable and four (4) were not chargeable. She also reported Mobility training with LIFE in the month of February had a total of nine (9) participants.
- c. Van Tran – Mary McLain reported demand for ridership during the fiscal period covering July 2006 through February 2007 was three hundred eighty-nine thousand one hundred forty-two (389,142) a four point three (4.3) percent increase from the same period from last year. Passenger ridership was two hundred eighty-nine thousand four hundred forty-eight (289,448) a three point four (3.4) percent increase. Service hours were one hundred ninety-three thousand twenty (193,020), an increase of three point eight (3.8) percent.
- d. Parks & Recreation – Susan Jansen reported March 18, 2007 began the spring session for Parks and Recreation Programs which would run through May 19, 2007. The Adaptive Recreation Center (ARC) had started a new low impact program and was waiting for customer

feedback. Also at the ARC they were recruiting teenagers for the junior lifeguard program. The David Bell bike path is now an accessible route from the bus stop at Twenty-second Street and Randolph Way to the Edith Ball Adaptive Center.

- e. Equal Opportunity Programs – No report was given.
- f. Human Relations Commission (HRC) – Sat Bir Kaur Khalsa said they were working on the Ray Davies Humanitarian Student Award planned for April 11, 2007. She also said Peace Walk Tucson, which was a Jewish and Muslim peace walk to foster peaceful relationships, would be held on May 25, 2007.

#### **4. Van Tran Policies Presentation by Jim Glock and George Caria, Tucson Department of Transportation – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

Item 4 postpone to April 18, 2007 meeting.

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

Anna Deligio said that the Self Advocacy Coalition of Arizona would have a Ice Cream Social on March 24, 2007 for the public to meet its planning committee.

Mike Pliska said he was pleased with Van Trans progress on some bus stop issues.

Ruth Ann Roger said she was pleased that a new bench was placed at her bus stop.

#### **6. Break**

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

Chair Beck welcomed Ana Martinez to CODI as a new commissioner. He also announced CODI had a copy of the 2006 International Building Code, which would be available upon request. Linkages had its second Annual Building Bridges Awards Luncheon on March 14, 2007. Dedication of the Universal Design Walkway at the Arizona State Museum would be on Thursday April 19, 2007.

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

Mr. McFerron announced the Concern Citizens Advisory Group would meet in April.

Mr. Blizzard announced Transit on the Move Modern Streetcar Project would hold a public hearing on March 21, 2007.

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

- a. Public Relations/Education – No report was given.
- b. Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA) – Mr. Handt reported having met with Development Services who suggested a brochure be made to assist builders with accessibility issues.

MOTION by Chair Beck, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. Pesce, Ms. Cowman and Mr. Jorquera absent) to look at developing a brochure to assist builders with accessibility issues.

Mr. Handt also reported working with the Election Division of the City Clerk's Office in finding polling place locations that were ADA compliant.

- c. Transportation – Mr. Blizzard reported that at next months meeting they would discuss Van Tran policies and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) with regards to Tucson. He also reported that the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee had established a Transit Subcommittee.
- d. Housing – Chair Beck reported Council Members Carol West put a meeting together with Southern Arizona Builders Association (SABA) and the disability community at Eastside City Hall. The main discussion was whether or not to remove the zero step entrance and replace it with a two (2) inch threshold in 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. Reimbursement for Linkages "Building Bridges" Awards Luncheon.

MOTION by Chair Beck, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. Pesce, Ms. Cowman and Mr. Jorquera absent) to reimburse Ms. Cowman ten (10) dollars.

**11. CODI Representative to Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

MOTION by Chair Beck, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. Pesce, Ms. Cowman and Mr. Jorquera absent) to appoint Mr. Blizzard as the CODI Representative to Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee.

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

MOTION by Mr. McFerron, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. Pesce, Ms. Cowman and Mr. Jorquera absent) to look at developing a plan to sponsor the Accessible Home Builder Awards.

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

MOTION by Mr. Blizzard, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. Pesce, Ms. Cowman and Mr. Jorquera absent) to send CODI letter recommending Mike Marlin as the representative from Tucson/Pima County Library System.

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

MOTION by Chair Beck, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. Pesce, Ms. Cowman and Mr. Jorquera absent) to appoint Mr. Pesce, Ms. Cowman, Mr. Jorquera, and Ms. Ferrari to the CODI Retreat Planning Subcommittee, passed 7 to 0.

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

MOTION by Mr. McFerron, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Mr. Pesce, Ms. Cowman and Mr. Jorquera absent) to table item 15.

**16. Future Agenda Items**

Disability Awareness month in October  
Budget/Monies for Expo in 2008  
Presentation - Transit on the move  
Presentation - Department of Justice audit

**17. Adjournment: 4:45pm**