

February 25, 2013

The Honorable Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and Members of the Tucson City Council
City of Tucson
PO Box 27210
Tucson, Arizona

Subject: Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) 2012 Annual Report

Dear Mayor Rothschild and Council Members,

The Commission on Disability Issues would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Tucson. We would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of the City of Tucson Equal Opportunity Office, ADA Eligibility Office, Parks and Recreation Department, Sun Van and Sun Tran for their leadership and support. They continue to provide the Commission with timely reports, updates, and other requests by the Commission, with openness, and positivity. Our city partners are an important aspect of how we support Tucson's citizens with disabilities.

CODI's overall goal is to "support and sponsor community programs and projects that promote public awareness of the issues that relate to the needs and concerns of individuals with disabilities." An unfortunate lack of quorum plagued the Commission in the early part of 2012, yet we still managed to accomplish much.

The activities of FY 2012 for CODI are as follows:

- CODI participated in a two-part Strategic Planning Meeting to establish goals for 2012-2013.
- Received a presentation by Liana Perez, Office of Equal Opportunity Programs and Martin DuPont, General Services in regard to the ADA Settlement Agreement and Transition Plan and agreed that our Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA) Subcommittee will help the City of Tucson to prioritize its conditions to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.
- Received a presentation by Pat Richter, Community Outreach Manager for Sun Tran on Sun Tran's new Bus Announcements Plan.
- CODI held an election of new officers and Commissioner Handt and Commissioner Goeckel were elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.
- CODI has been actively working to appoint Commissioners to our Employment, Housing, SPAA, Transportation, Legislation, and Public Relations Subcommittees. The Commission has had 7 new Commissioners join since 2012.

CODI continues to prioritize the needs of the Tucson disability community and to implement the goals of the Commission set forth in 2012 and carried over into 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Goeckel
Vice-Chair