



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 1:00 P.M.
Ward 6 Office, Conference Room
3202 E. 1st Street
Tucson, Arizona 85716

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Keith Murfee-DeConcini, Chairperson
Rachael Volner, Vice Chairperson
Derek Brown
Peter Hughes
Josie Nunez
Celina Ramirez
Jared Perkins
Hailey Thoman
Roxanne Torres

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 6
Mayor/Council
Mayor/Council
City Manager (Arrived 1:07pm)
City Manager
City Manager (Arrived 1:35pm)

Absent:

Rick Harker
Kyle Lininger

Representing:

Ward 5
Mayor/Council

Staff Members Present:

Rick Guerra

City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Minutes from 7/15/2015

It was moved by Chair Murfee-DeConcini, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, (Commissioners Harker, Lininger, Perkins, and Torres absent) to approve the Minutes from July 15, 2015.

3. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

4. Tele-conference / CODI Special Accommodations

Chair Murfee-DeConcini gave an overview of Ordinance 11293 that allows members of the Commission to call into CODI meetings. However, this does not allow that member to count towards quorum for the meeting, but they can vote on matters.

5. Public Open Meeting Law Review

Item was tabled until next meeting.

6. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Housing
No report was given.
- b. Public Relations & Education
No report was given.
- c. Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA)
No report was given.
- d. Transportation
Vice Chair Volner reported on the subcommittee's discussion regarding the Sun Tran strike. The city and therefore the Commission are prohibited from becoming directly involved in the negotiations. She also mentioned that Council Member Cunningham had indicated to her his opposition to any suggested rate increase.

Chair Murfee-DeConcini said he had spoken with the Sun Van spokesperson regarding Sun Van's contract that will come up for renewal at the end of the year.

Vice Chair Volner also spoke about the Broadway widening project between Country Club and Euclid. So far there had not been any issues raised regarding the disability community.

Chair Murfee-DeConcini said he had been alerted to a complaint regarding the lack of wheelchair tie-downs on the Sun Link cars.

- e. Employment
No report was given.
- f. Legislation
No report was given.

7. Retreat Agenda Development

Chair Murfee-DeConcini said he had confirmed that Matthew Larsen, Equal Opportunity Programs, would be hosting the September CODI meeting/retreat at the Equal Opportunity Office facilities on North Commerce Loop.

Commissioner Hughes mentioned the timeframe needed to hold the key points of discussion, such as the Bylaws, Mission Statement, Subcommittee makeup, Goal Setting, and so forth. It was concluded that the meeting/retreat would be held at the same time, 1:00 pm, but would possibly run longer than normal. It was also mentioned that those who wish may participate in a potluck from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

8. 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act Observance

Commissioner Nunez said she had spoken with United Health Care about making a presentation but without many details she wasn't able to get a firm commitment.

Commissioner Hughes said he could not only have one room at the University of Arizona's Disability Resource Center on October 17, 2015. His idea was it would be a free event to get guest speakers to present topics surrounding the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Discussion was held about the purpose and context of the event. It was concluded it was to be focused only on the Americans with Disabilities Act and what it means to the disabled community in Tucson.

Commissioner Hughes indicated the Arizona Red/Blue Game was to be held on October 17, 2015 and this would cause an untenable conflict with the event. He said he would seek a different venue or perhaps it would be necessary to move the date of the event.

9. Ad Hoc Event Subcommittee

Discussion was held about the structure of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee and it's purpose.

It was moved by Chair Murfee-DeConcini, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 9 to 0, (Commissioners Harker and Lininger absent) to form the Ad Hoc Event Subcommittee to plan an observance of the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Commissioners Hughes, Nunez and Torres volunteered to man the Ad Hoc Event Subcommittee.

10. Break

The Commission recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2:16 p.m. Quorum was reestablished with all members present, except Commissioners Harker and Lininger (absent).

11. Recognition of the SAAVI Baseball Team

Chair Murfee-DeConcini said he had discussions with Council Member Cunningham who expressed a desire that CODI pay some recognition of the accomplishments of the SAAVI Beep Baseball Team, the Southwest Slammers.

Commissioner Hughes explained what Beep Baseball was and encouraged all to try it.

Vice Chair Volner asked if it was possible to recognize both teams in Tucson. It was concluded that the recognition should remain as on the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 9 to 0, (Commissioners Harker and Lininger absent) to write a letter to Mayor and Council requesting recognition of the accomplishments of the SAAVI Beep Baseball Team, the Southwest Slammers.

12. Commission Budget

Chair Murfee-DeConcini explained the reason why CODI did not currently have budget. It was noted that the City's Fiscal Year 2016 budget was already established and therefore it wasn't possible to have a budget at this time.

13. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

Chair Murfee-DeConcini gave a report.

14. Commission Members' Summary of Current Events

Commissioners Nunez, Perkins, Rameriz, Thoman, Torres, Hughes, Brown and Vice Chair Volner gave reports.

15. Future Agenda Items

Mental Illness Issues
Americans With Disabilities Act Event Planning

16. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.