



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 1:00 P.M.
Sentinel Bldg. 1st Floor, Rillito/Sabino Rooms
320 N. Commerce Park Loop
Tucson, Arizona

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 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

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 6
Mayor/Council
Mayor/Council
City Manager
City Manager

Absent:

Rick Harker
Kyle Lininger
Roxanne Torres

Representing:

Ward 5
Mayor/Council
City Manager

Staff Members Present:

Draig Phillips
Matthew Larsen

City Clerk's Office
Equal Opportunity Programs

2. Approval of Minutes from 8/19/2015

It was moved by Chair Murfee-DeConcini, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0, (Commissioners Harker, Lininger, and Torres absent) to approve the Minutes from August 19, 2015.

3. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

4. Fiscal Year 2015 - Planning

- a. Review of Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives
Discussion was held.

The Commission recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 2:21 p.m. Quorum was reestablished with all members present, except Commissioners Harker, Lininger and Torres (absent).

Discussion continued and it was determined to revise the Mission Statement and create a new Vision Statement to read as follows:

Mission Statement

The City Of Tucson's Commission on Disability Issues acts an official advisory board to the City on issues that relate to access and equality for people with disabilities.

CODI Vision Statement

To create a city free of barriers that prevent individuals with disabilities from becoming completely integrated and fully participating citizens of the greater Tucson community.

It was also determined to add the following clarification to the document:

Subcommittees

CODI maintains an active collection of sub-committees on each of the following issues:

- Housing
- Legislation
- Employment
- Transportation
- Public Relations and Education
- Services, Programs, Activities and Architectural Barriers

It was moved by Chair Murfee-DeConcini, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0, (Commissioners Harker, Lininger, and Torres absent) to approve the revised Mission Statement and new Vision Statement, pending City Clerk's Office approval.

Further discussion was held at which time the Commissioners introduced themselves highlighting what strengths they brought to the Commission and what goals and objectives they hoped to see while serving on the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Ramirez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0, (Commissioners Harker, Lininger, and Torres absent) to change the wording in the Mission Statement from "Goal" to "Subcommittee" and that each subcommittee will meet within the next two months to review and possibly revise their particular Objectives.

- b. Review of Bylaws
Discussion was held.

It was moved by Chair Murfee-DeConcini, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0, (Commissioners Harker, Lininger, and Torres absent) to create an ad hoc subcommittee to review and make recommended changes to the Commission's Bylaws.

Commissioners Ramirez, Hailey and Perkins volunteered to man the ad hoc subcommittee.

- c. Review of Subcommittees
Discussion was held.

It was determined that Commissioner Thoman will be on the Employment Subcommittee and Commissioner Perkins will be on both the Public Relations & Education Subcommittee and the Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA) Subcommittee.

Commissioner Perkins left at 3:18 p.m. and returned at 3:21 p.m.

5. Other Items

- a. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Event Planning
Discussion was held. Commissioner Hughes indicated that he would not be able to help plan the ADA Event. No other commissioner said they would be able to take over the planning. All agreed there wasn't enough time to effectively plan and put together a quality event.

It was moved by Chair Murfee-DeConcini, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0, (Commissioners Harker, Lininger, and Torres absent) to cancel further planning of the event and to disband the Ad Hoc Event Planning Subcommittee.

- b. Pima Community College Access and Disability Resources Community Advisory Committee
Discussion was held.

It was moved by Chair Murfee-DeConcini, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0, (Commissioners Harker, Lininger, and Torres absent) to appoint Commissioner Nunez as the CODI representative to the Pima Community College Access and Disability Resources Community Advisory Committee.

- c. Mental/Emotional/Behavioral Health Issues
Discussion was held, no action taken. Commissioner Perkins said he would see if a representative from Cenpatico would be available to come to the October meeting to give a presentation about their services.

Matthew Larsen, Equal Opportunity Programs, said he would provide contact information for Tucson Police Sgt. Jason Winsky of the Mental Health Support Team.

- d. Recommendation to install a Disability Advocate in the Ward Offices
Discussion was held, no action taken. Chair Murfee-DeConcini said he would have to further research just what was being proposed by Ward 1.

- e. Interacting with other commissions (i.e., the Human Relations Commission)

Discussion was held, no action taken. Chair Murfee-DeConcini said he was approach the Chair of the Human Relations Commission to extend an invitation to come visit at a CODI meeting soon.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.