



## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

October 16, 2019, 3:30 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 3:35 p.m. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Hannah Woelke  
Mia Hansen  
Rachael Volner  
Derek Brown  
Gaby Ficchi, Chairperson  
Frank Linarez  
Dan Barrett, Vice Chairperson

**Representing:**

City Manager  
Mayor  
Ward 2  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6

**Absent:**

Samantha Cloud  
Michael Pliska

**Representing:**

City Manager  
Ward 1

**Staff Members Present:**

Sarah Blayda

City Clerk's Office

#### 2. Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2019

It was moved by Commissioner Barrett, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, (Commissioners Pliska and Cloud absent/excused) to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2019.

#### 3. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

#### **4. Liaison and Staff Reports**

- a. ADA Eligibility/Transportation – Report was given by John Zukas
- b. Sun Van – Report was given by Shawn Mangan
- c. Sun Tran – No report given
- d. Total Ride / Regional Transportation Authority – No report given

#### **5. New Member Introduction**

This item was continued.

#### **6. Discussion of Disability Month**

Discussion was held regarding Disability Employment Awareness Month and how CODI can encourage the City of Tucson to promote it.

It was moved by Commissioner Ficchi, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, (Commissioners Pliska and Cloud absent/excused) to form the Disability Employment Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

#### **7. Discussion of Meetings around Holidays**

Discussion was held regarding whether meetings would proceed during the holiday months of November and December. It was agreed meetings shall continue for as scheduled in November but December will be canceled.

#### **8. Election of Officers**

It was moved by Commissioner Woelke, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, (Commissioners Pliska and Cloud absent/excused) to nominate and elect Vice-Chair Barrett for the position of Chair of the Commission of Disability Issues.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Barrett, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, (Commissioners Pliska and Cloud absent/excused) to nominate and elect Commissioner Woelke for the position of Vice-Chair of the Commission of Disability Issues.

## **9. Discussion on Commission Appointment Terms**

Discussion was held regarding the potential change in CODI appointees due to the upcoming election.

## **10. Transportation Subcommittee Update**

Report was given by Commissioner Volner regarding concerns with the Transportation complaint process. A letter will be drafted for the full commission to review and approve, with suggestions to improve the City's process and making it more accessible on the website.

## **11. CODI Goals and Accomplishments**

Discussion was held highlighting recent CODI accomplishments, to include the election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair, the formation of the Disability Employment Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee, and the appointment of Commissioner Brown to the Complete Streets Committee.

## **12. Commission Members' Summary of Current Events**

Commissioner Hansen announced on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Southern Arizona Adaptive Sports will be accepting gently used or junk durable medical equipment on behalf of Project Renew and Art on Wheels, which will be creating art out of junk parts and accepting donations of usable parts.

She reported that Southern Arizona Adaptive Sports, in partnership with the University of Arizona Adaptive Athletics Program, will be hosting a Paralympic Sports Fest on October 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will include wheelchair basketball, wheelchair fencing, golfing, among other events.

In addition, on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Cyclovia Tucson will have an adaptive sports activity hub at Mission Manor Park, where hand-cycles will be on display for the public to try.

Commissioner Barrett announced the Dream Job Fair on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

Commissioner Woelke announced an event put on by Raising Special Kids called Talking to Your Child About Sexuality, a work shop for parents of students with special needs on November 19, 2019.

### **13. Future Agenda Items**

Commissioner Barrett suggested a discussion around the structure of future regular and/or subcommittee meetings, inviting a wider range of City staff liaisons to CODI meetings, expanding the commission's purpose and brainstorm ideas to raise disability awareness.

Commissioner Woelke suggested adding a discussion on census participation, specifically for people with disabilities. She also suggested reaching out to Ward 2 regarding the CODI vacancy, once Commissioner Volner's term ends on December 2, 2019.

### **14. Adjournment: 5:07 p.m.**