



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, September 20, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., at Eastside City Hall, in the Conference Room, located at 7575 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.

1. Roll Call

Commission Members	Representing	Present/Absent
Ken Laux	Mayor	Present
Naomi Ortiz	Ward 1	Absent
Vacancy	Ward 2	
Michael Pesce – Vice Chair	Ward 3	Present
Barton Beck – Chair	Ward 4	Present
Tracy Williams	Ward 5	Absent
Robert Blizzard	Ward 6	Present
George H. McFerron	Mayor/Council	Absent
Jeffrey Handt	Mayor/Council	Absent
Phyllis A. Cowman	Mayor/Council	Present
Jennifer Walker	City Manager	Present
Jean Paul Jorquera	City Manager	Present
Sharon M. Ferrari	City Manager	Present
Staff Present	Representing	
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	
Rick Guerra	Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office	
Guests	Representing	
Liana Perez	City of Tucson Office of Equal Opportunity Programs	
M.J. Yee	Human Relations Commission	
Becky Pallack	Arizona Daily Star	
Mike Marlin	Tucson-Pima Public Library	
Margot Hurst	Guest	

These minutes reflect the changes read into the record on October 18, 2006.

2. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2006

MOTION by Mr. Laux, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Ms. Ortiz, Ms. Williams, Mr. McFerron and Mr. Handt absent) to approve the minutes of June 21, 2006 with the following corrections, Item 9c should read “Ms. Williams proposed a question for the subcommittee regarding the Regional Transportation Authority as where do we go from here in terms of accountability” and Item 9a should read “Public Relations/Education was exploring providing training on Disability Perspectives at the Pima Council On Aging in the fall”.

3. Staff Reports - Discussion/Recommendation/Action

- a. ADA Eligibility/Transportation – John Zukas announced for the month of August there were three hundred nine ADA Eligibility applications requested, three hundred seventy-nine applications received, eighty-four applications returned incomplete, four hundred eighty-two applications processed and five applications denied. He also announced to possibly test a group of people on the voucher-less system next month.
- b. Sun Tran - Karin Erickson announced the coach operators participated in the Transit Ambassador program. The Module Training Programs included Communications, Stress Management and Difficult Situations.
- c. Van Tran – Mary McLain announced she had just arrived this week from South Bend, Indiana. She also stated that she had worked in transit management for twenty-two years. Ms. McLain apologized for not having any statistics to report and would be prepared next month.
- d. Parks & Recreation – Susan Jansen announced the First Anniversary of the opening of Milagro Playground at Jacobs Park on November 9, 2006. She also mentioned the completion of a new brochure for the Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center. Ms. Jansen announced a community event in Reid Park called the Tucson Parks and Recreation Family Fun in the Park on November 18, 2006.
- e. Equal Opportunity Programs – Alison Colter-Mack announced her office gave their first annual report to the Department of Justice. She also thanked Phyllis Cowman for her assistance sitting on a committee to help select a vendor to install an assisted listening system citywide.

4. City of Tucson Diversity Training Presentation by Liana Perez, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity Programs

Liana Perez, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, gave a presentation. She announced her office was to begin a new project called Diversity Training. They had been addressing some issues in some of the city departments specific to diversity. Diversity with women in the work force in different positions, race, national origin, religion, disabilities, all things that come under the umbrella of diversity. Ms. Perez would like to ask the community groups, the community commissions, in their roll as advocates, their input of what they see from the community component that should be incorporated into the employee training.

5. Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center, Phase II Presentation by Margot Hurst

Margot Hurst, a patron of the adaptive recreation center, gave a presentation. She asked for CODI's support and to talk to their Council Members. Phase II would have a gymnasium, indoor walking track, community room, weight room with full accessibility and specialized equipment. Ms. Hurst also mentioned since the center serves the community, they want to get on the county bond for funding.

6. Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center – Discussion/Recommendation/Action

No action taken

7. Call to the Audience

Mike Marlin, from the Tucson-Pima Public Library, announced his continued attempts to provide a special needs area on the first floor of the Main Library that would assist those with disabilities.

8. Break (10 Minutes)

9. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events - Informational Only

Chair Beck announced he spoke with Ward Two and asked them to put a help wanted add in their Newsletter in attempts to recruit an applicant from Ward Two to serve on CODI. He also announced at the Mayor and Council October 3, 2006 meeting a proclamation would be presented to CODI for Disability Awareness Month. Chair Beck welcomed Jean Paul Jorquera to CODI.

10. Commission Members Summary of Current Events – Informational Only

Mr. Laux announced a Disability Celebration to be held at the Hellenic Community Center at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church on Friday, October 6, 2006.

Mr. Blizzard announced a police officer had started a foundation called the Jim Mullen Foundation that provides computers for people with disabilities.

Mr. Pesce announced VSA, which promotes artistic expression of people with disabilities, did a project in Santa Fe, New Mexico where they had artists who painted accessible parking spots.

Ms. Walker announced the State of Arizona would get monies for Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

11. Sub-committee Reports

- a. Public Relations/Education – Mr. Pesce announced they developed and approved the proclamation that was submitted for Disability Awareness Month. He also announced the decision was made to have a large conference in March of 2008 instead of October of 2007. Mr. Pesce said they were looking on delivering some training to the Pima Council on Aging regarding a disabilities perspective workshop.
- b. Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA) – No report was given.
- c. Transportation – Mr. Blizzard announced they had worked on Van Tran policies and voucher issues. They also worked with Armando Monteverde from Tucson Department of Transportation on a list of bus stop problems.
- d. Housing – Mr. Beck announced that Paul Huddy from the Solar Institute was glad that CODI was able to commit three hundred dollars toward the Tucson Innovative Home Tour. He also announced the Inclusive Housing Design ordinance was still being worked on. Mr. Beck mentioned that Albert Elias, from Urban Planning and Design and Ernie Duarte, from Development Services would attend the November 1, 2006 Housing Subcommittee meeting.

- e. Legislation –
No report was given.
- f. Employment – Mr. Beck announced the City of Tucson Human Resources Department was to consider to working with Linkages of Arizona to post applications on line.

12. Budget Report and Expenditures

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 \$3,490.00.

- a. DIRECT Center For Independence Disability Awareness Month Celebration

No Action Was Taken.

- b. November 7th, 2006, Election – “Get Out The Vote” Newspaper Ad

MOTION by Ms. Walker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Ms. Ortiz, Ms. Williams, Mr. McFerron and Mr. Handt absent) to spend up to eight hundred dollars for advertising to run an ad in the newspaper to Urge Citizens to Exercise Their Right to Vote.

13. Request for CODI Representation on the Tucson Human Relations Commission by Sat Bir Kaur Khalsa – Discussion/Recommendation/Action

No Action Was Taken.

14. New Procedures at the U.S. Post Office – Discussion/Recommendation/ Action

MOTION by Mr. Pesce, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 (Ms. Ortiz, Ms. Williams, Mr. McFerron and Mr. Handt absent) to table Item 14 to the October meeting.

15. Future Agenda Items

Presentation from the Easter Seal/Life, LLC.

Presentation from Bill Altaffer on the Disability Designed Ordinance.

16. Adjournment: 4:58pm