

Minutes
City of Tempe Commission on Disability Concerns
May 5, 2011

Minutes of the City of Tempe Commission on Disability Concerns held on Thursday, May 5, 2011, 6:30 pm., at the Tempe Library, 2nd Floor Board Room, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Chair: Ed Mitchell, Chelsea Chamberlain, Nora Nunez, Richard Halverson, Sarah Kader, Martha Ashburn, Diane Moran, and Irene Mochel. **Conference Call:** Tom Ringhofer and Jolene De Tiege.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (notification): Frank Emery

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absence (No Notification): Aaron Edgell.

STAFF Present: Rosa Inchausti, Diversity Manager

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

Public Appearances: The Commission on Disability Concerns welcomes public comment at this time only for items listed on this agenda. There is a three-minute time limit per citizen.

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2011 Draft Commission Minutes. Motion to approve as corrected by Irene Mochel, seconded by Martha Ashburn approved unanimously.

2. Update and Status of Proposed Amendment to TCC 19-93. Rosa Inchausti reported on the status of the Amendment. There will be a meeting of the various City stakeholders, i.e. Parks and Recreation, Special Events, DTC and Assistant City Manager Jeff Kulaga to determine any additional issues that need to be resolved.

3. Commissioners' Reports on Projects and Interests:

a) **Downtown Tempe Accessible Parking:** Ed Mitchell reported that as a result of a Conference Call with Assistant City Manager Jeff Kulaga and Michael Williams from Development the Accessible Parking area currently located at the south side of the Brickyard will be relocated to the Tempe Community Council parking area on the north side of the property. The Accessible Parking Area and space that were removed from the east side of the Brickyard parking area will be restored. These are spaces that genuinely will make both TCC and downtown Tempe more accessible.

b) **Best Practices Project Research Group:** Frank Emery. Commissioner Emery was not able to attend so there was no report.

c) **The Accessible Life: A Documentary:** Commissioner Mitchell is removing this Project until a later date.

d) **Social Media and Commission on Disability Concerns Website:** Commissioners de Tiege and Chamberlain reported that the City of Tempe will not allow the Commission to have its own Twitter and Facebook sites due to potential problems with unauthorized announcements and other potential violations relative to City of Tempe guidelines. Jolene and Chelsea will work to establish protocols for use of City Facebook and Twitter accounts.

e) **Section 8 Housing for Tempe Citizens with Disabilities:** Commissioner Halverson has met with Tempe Housing and has submitted his application for funding.

f) **Mayor's Disability Awards:** Commissioner Mochel reported that there was an excellent turnout for the annual recognition of students and adults who overcome a variety of disabilities to function effectively in the City of Tempe. Commissioner Mochel challenged the Commission to help make future Awards ceremonies even better. She explained how tight the budget is and the need for funding for printing, Awards, refreshments, nominations. Various Commissioners expressed interest and will contact Irene to participate in future meetings. The Commission expressed their appreciation for the effort that Tempe Community Council's staff put into the program.

4. Approval of letter to Fry's Marketplace, Walmart and the Tempe Elementary School District for Accessible Improvements at Rural and

Southern locations. Motion by Commissioner Mochel to authorize Chairman Mitchell to send the three letters of appreciation to the School District and the two stores. Seconded by Nora Nunez and passed unanimously.

5. Nominations for June Elections for officers of the Commission:

Chairperson:	Ed Mitchell
Vice-Chairperson:	Martha Ashburn
Secretary:	Sarah Kader

The nominations were by unanimous consent of the membership with no objections by all members present.

6. Future Presentation by Tempe Departments and outside professionals.

President of Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Michelle Stokes
Kathy Berzins – Community Services Manager

7. Commissioners' Issues and Concerns for June Commission Meeting:

College Avenue Construction
Arizona Health Care System

8. Meeting Adjourned

The next Commission on Disability Concerns is June 2, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the second floor conference room of the Tempe Library