



## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

September 20, 2023, 3:30 P.M.

Pursuant to safe practices during COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person meetings are cancelled until further notice. The meeting was held virtually to allow for healthy practices and social distancing. The meeting was accessible at provided link to allow for participating virtually and/or calling in.

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. Those present and absent were:

##### **Present:**

Sue Kroeger  
Billie Holbrook  
Zach Coble, Chairperson  
Ray Jordan  
Lily Bogan

##### **Representing:**

City Manager  
Ward 2  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6

##### **Absent:**

Sydni Engle  
Anne Fuhrman

##### **Representing:**

City Manager  
Ward 3

##### **Staff and Others Present:**

Rebecca Hill	EOE Office
Will Rivera	EOE Office
Steve Spade	Sun Tran
Rick Guerra	City Clerk's Office
Stephanie Alvarez	City Clerk's Office
Wesly Derbishire	Guest

## **2. Call to the Audience**

Wesley Derbyshire introduced himself and expressed interest in becoming a potential member of CODI.

## **3. Update on CODI Membership**

Chairperson Coble stated there are currently 4 vacancies on CODI: One with the Mayor, one with Council Member Santa Cruz and two with the City Manager.

## **4. Sun Tran Accessibility and Rider Safety Representation with Steve Spade**

Sun Tran General Manager Steve Spade presented a training video for the Quantum Securement device, He stated there are 185 buses in fleet with 74 of them being equipped with the Quantum and 20 new buses coming all of which will have the Quantum. He also reiterated that they give continuous refresher courses on safety to their operators.

## **5. Issues the Disability Community Might Face on Sun Tran**

Commissioner Jordan voiced his concerns on training, boarding, signs alerting passengers with mobility devices about their preference on using the forward or rear facing position and audible announcements alerting to where the major stops are. Commissioner Holbrook followed up with her interest in the possibility of having an Uber for wheelchairs/mobility issues.

## **6. Call for Volunteer to Draft Memo or Letter to Mayor and Council Regarding Commission Views on Sun Tran**

Chairperson Coble asked if any member would be interested in drafting a memo or letter to the Mayor and Council regarding ridership and public safety for people with disabilities in which Commissioner Jordan stated he would begin working on.

## **7. Announcements**

Commissioner Jordan made brief announcements regarding suggestions for Tucson Meet Yourself, and Living Streets Alliance which he attended and found insightful with suggestions about how to make the streets of Tucson more user friendly for individuals with disabilities. He also stated he planned on attending the Plan Tucson Transportation Mobility Access Working Group.

## **8. Adjournment: 4:57 p.m.**