



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

November 15, 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 3:37 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Derrick Espadas
Sue Kroeger – Arrived at 3:42 p.m.
Zach Coble, Chairperson
Ray Jordan
Lily Bogan

Representing

Mayor's Office
City Manager
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Absent:

Sydni Engle
Anne Fuhrman

Representing:

City Manager
Ward 3

Staff and Others Present:

Rebecca Hill
Will Rivera
Rick Guerra

EOE Office
EOE Office
City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Minutes: October 18, 2023

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (Commissioner Engle, Holbrook, Fuhrman absent), to approve the Minutes of October 18, 2023.

3. Call to Audience

4. Check on Commissioner Availability for December Meeting and Meeting Format Discussion.

Chairperson Coble began by announcing the next meeting date of 12/20/2023 and inquired about availability due to the holidays. He then touched base on the Public Notice Statement for meetings going forward; Virtually, in person or hybrid to which the decision was to keep meetings virtual, for easier accessibility to all. Commissioner Jordan briefly brought up the possibility of meeting in person once, for a gathering or meeting. It was agreed that it could be done but it must be posted to the public and will be added to future agenda for discussion. It was moved by Commissioner Coble, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

6. Discussion About the Department of Housing and Community Development's Efforts to Support Affordable and Available Housing for People with Disabilities.

(This item was taken out of order and discussed after item #4)

Chairperson Coble opened the discussion by introducing Ann Chanecka from HCD and noted it had been over a year since a meeting had taken place with Housing and Community development. Ann Chanecka began by stating her interest in giving an overview of work from the past year and hearing the prospective of CODI. She started by listing a few projects such as the complete renovation of two single family homes fully accessible, homeownership, the renovation of the Tucson house with a grant from choice neighborhoods along with the hope of

doubling the amount of new affordable housing with ADA standards. Follow up questions were asked by Chairperson Coble, Commissioner Jordan, Bogan and Kroeger regarding the Tucson House modifications, number of units, building plans and new housing projects. Ann Chanecka fielded the questions briefly stating the plans for the Bum Steer, No Tell Motel and the Amazon Motel along with a brief discussion on the ordinance regarding source of income from Rebecca Hill and Ann Chanecka.

5. Review and Possible Approval of CODI Report to Mayor and Council on Sun Van.

(Item taken out of order)

Brief discussion ensued with Comments from Commissioners and Chairperson Coble in regard to current riders choice, 24 hour services provided in Maricopa County, and accommodation difficulties currently presented. It was agreed upon by the Commission that another report reflecting the opinions would be imminent.

It was moved by Commissioner Espadas, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioner Engle, Holbrook and Fuhrman absent), to approve the CODI Report to Mayor and Council on Sun Van.

7. Call for Volunteer to Draft Report to Mayor and Council Regarding Commission Views on Housing Policies.

Chairperson Coble and Commissioner Bogen volunteered to draft a letter regarding housing and community development for Mayor and Council.

8. Announcements

Chairperson Coble stated the second annual disability pride day was taking place December 3, 2023 at the TCC. Commissioner Jordan followed stating he attended the second meeting for plan Tucson where the information has been excellent highlighting accessibility issues.

9. Adjournment: 4:55 pm