



## **COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**

December 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 3:41 p.m. Those present and absent were:

##### **Present:**

Derrick Espadas  
Sue Kroeger  
Zach Coble, Chairperson  
Lily Bogan

##### **Representing**

Mayor's Office  
City Manager  
Ward 4  
Ward 6

##### **Absent:**

Sydni Engle  
Anne Fuhrman  
Ray Jordan

##### **Representing:**

City Manager  
Ward 3  
Ward 5

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

Rebecca Hill  
Will Rivera  
Rick Guerra

EOE Office  
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City Clerk's Office

## **2. Approval of Minutes: November 15, 2023**

It was moved by Commissioner Kroeger, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (Commissioner Engle, Jordan and Fuhrman absent), to approve the Minutes of November 15, 2023.

## **3. Call to Audience**

## **4. Discussion With Human Resources Regarding Recruitment, Hiring and Retention of People With Disabilities.**

Chairperson Coble stated due to meetings taking place within Human Resources, Suzette Yaezenko was unable to attend, he also stated that because of timing no replacement was set into place. Chairperson Coble did note Suzette Yaezenko confirmed attendance at the next meeting of 01/17/2024.

## **5. Review and Possible Approval of CODI Letter to Mayor and Council Regarding the Lack of Responses from the Department of Housing and Community Development.**

Chairperson Coble opened discussion by briefly speaking on the previous meeting of 11/15/2023 in which Ann Chanecka from Housing and Community Development attended. Chairperson Coble noted that with the information received at the meeting, Ms. Chanecka was to get back to CODI with numbers and data in terms of accessible units going to be remodeled and the Tucson House units and their features. He continued by stating, he has reached out multiple times to obtain the information requested, however there has been no response received. He concluded the item by stating the importance of responses from City staff to inquiries, as it is used to provide advice from the disability community.

It was moved by Commissioner Kroeger, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (Commissioner Engle, Jordan and Fuhrman absent), to approve the CODI letter to Mayor and Council regarding lack of response from HCD.

**6. Discussion Regarding Scheduling of an Informal CODI Picnic.**

Chairperson Coble briefly discussed meeting informally in person, possibly in March or April at a park accessible ramada. It was agreed that due to absences and possible scheduling it would be something to discuss again in the next meeting.

**7. Announcements**

A discussion was had regarding the passing of Commissioner Anne Fuhrman and possibly sending out a card to the family on behalf of CODI. Chairperson Coble agreed to send a card out as Mrs. Fuhrman was a valuable member of CODI. A brief discussion ensued regarding Disability Pride Day, both Commissioner Bogan and Kroeger commented on the likes/dislikes which included the Expo type setup.

**8. Adjournment: 4:11 pm**