



## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

March 20, 2024, 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 3:32 p.m. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Derrick Espadas  
Wesley Derbyshire  
Zach Coble, Chairperson  
Ray Jordan  
Lily Bogan

**Representing**

Mayor's Office  
Ward 2  
Ward 4  
Ward 5 (Teams issue 3:39)  
Ward 6

**Absent:**

Sue Kroeger

**Representing:**

City Manager

**Staff and Others Present:**

Will Rivera	EOE
Chris Desborough	Staff
Juan Cruz	DTM
Stephanie Alvarez	City Clerk's Office
Aleshia Howell	Guest
Eric Latto	DTM
Shawn Mangan	Sun Tran

## **2. Introduction of New Ward 2 Commissioner**

Chairperson Coble briefly spoke asking Mr. Derbyshire if he would like to briefly introduce himself as he is the newest member to CODI. Wesley Derbyshire ensued in conversation stating he has been a Tucson resident since 2007, he is legally blind and has opinions on a lot of issues pedestrians are faced with and currently a Sun Van user with concerns regarding service.

## **3. Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2024**

It was moved by Commissioner Espadas, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 to approve the Minutes of February 21, 2024 (With Corrections)

## **4. Call to Audience**

Aleshia Howell opened the discussion by introducing herself, she continued by stating that she is legally blind, and she has previously produced a report of sidewalk code violations and accessibility issues on a route to her home. Mr. Juan Cruz, an engineering project manager with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility, ensued in discussion noting prior to his role with the City of Tucson he was previously with a private firm for 19 years doing roadway and ADA designs. He continued by noting he saw an opportunity to work on ADA designs as he sees a lack of, here in the city. He briefly continued by stating he wants to bridge the gap and be proactive in not just listening but getting things repaired. Chairperson Coble briefly said he would like Mr. Juan Cruz to return with more time dedicated to him speaking.

## **5. Presentation and Discussion of Sun Van Comprehensive Operational Analysis and Sun Tran Busing Update with the Department of Transportation and Mobility Rep.**

Shawn Mangan General Manager at Sun Van opened discussion stating they are currently in the process of getting a comprehensive Operations Analysis up and going and a survey is currently available for the public. He also noted along with public meetings there will be two virtual meetings taking place which are a critical component to gathering the public's input. He stated the input will fuel recommendations regarding the path going forward and items that need further attention. Commissioners Derbyshire, Espadas and Chairperson Coble ensued in discussion with follow up questions regarding app problems, end date for COA survey, Stakeholder meetings and expectations regarding changes into operation. Sean Mangan fielded questions stating the current issues with the app is something that can be part of the COA process, there will be stakeholder meetings although unsure of the timeframe, but he will get the information on deadlines for the survey and meetings. Mr. Eric Latta from the compliance department briefly joined in discussion noting Representatives from Sun Tran were busy and could not attend but he was taking notes to relay, such as Commissioner Jordans questions regarding updates on responses to memorandum previously received in response to CODI's letters sent to Mayor and Council.

**6. Organizing and Update on Potential CODI Reports to Mayor and Council Regarding Transit and City Human Resources.**

Chairperson Coble opened the discussion by briefly stating he along with Commissioner, Bogan and Kroeger will hopefully begin drafting a report regarding General HR practices, issues and questions with Sun Tran and Sun Van. It was in agreement to hold off on the report until possibly the next meeting to gather more insight as well as giving Sun Tran the opportunity to respond along with keeping the two entities separate.

**7. Update to CODI on CSCC Action in February 2024 and Feedback for Future Reports.**

Chairperson Coble began the discussion briefly speaking on the report he wrote and if there are any specific questions any commissioners have, as he is willing to ask for clarity. Commissioner Jordan voiced his approval of the report stating it highlights what is needed without an overload of information.

## **8. Announcements.**

Commissioner Jordan quickly spoke on his attendance at the Plan Tucson Transportation and Mobility working group which was held via hybrid. He noted the group decided on going to hybrid vs. in person, he continued by stating the meeting consisted of a lot of policy talks and was split into 2 workshops. He finished up by noting the policy/draft policies reviewed were not going to be understood clearly as the language is not short and concise. Commissioner Espadas quickly mentioned the Tucson Spring Dream Job fair was coming up on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Kino Sports Complex

## **9. Adjournment. 4:48 PM**