



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

April 17, 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 3:31 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Derrick Espadas
Wesley Derbyshire
Zach Coble, Chairperson
Ray Jordan

Representing

Mayor's Office
Ward 2
Ward 4
Ward 5

Absent:

Sue Kroeger
Lily Bogan

Representing:

City Manager
Ward 6

Staff and Others Present:

Will Rivera
Chris Desborough
Juan Cruz
Stephanie Alvarez
Rick Guerra
Aleshia Howell

EOE
Staff
DTM
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
Guest

2. Minutes Approval for March Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Derbyshire, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2024.

3. Call to Public

None

4. Update on Scheduling with Sun Tran Representatives.

Chairperson Coble gave a brief update for scheduling with Sun Tran Representatives, to which he stated he has been in contact with multiple members over the last few weeks and they will be attending the May CODI meeting.

No Further discussion held No formal action taken.

5. Presentation and Discussion of City Infrastructure Accessibility with Department of Transportation and Mobility Representative.

Juan Cruz briefly re-introduced himself and gave a quick rundown of his background and experience as an Engineering Project Manager. He continued by going over his goals with the ADA community including making sure things are going a bit further than just the standard and wanting to take care of things that need attention right away. He continued by mentioning the possibility of creating some sort of monthly meeting with different stakeholders within the ADA community to discuss anything ADA related, including concerns and ideas. Chairperson Coble and Commissioners Jordan, Derbyshire and Espadas had follow up questions and input such as crossing mechanisms and placement, Timing of crosswalks differing in the city, accessibility and pathways to buses, repair of sidewalks, along with how the city identifies projects large and small with reporting. Mr. Cruz fielded

the questions noting the placement for crossing mechanisms need stricter design with placement, funding, the current updating of multiple ramps throughout the city and the 311 reporting of repairs being tracked by a cartograph system, which when he last checked had over 400,000 dots noting reported issues. He also briefly went over code 25-12 which references responsible parties for sidewalk repairs, He continued by stating he has spoken with Planning and Development regarding trying to see if there is any possible way to filter out any ADA specific concerns/emails/reports to try and give those priority.

No Further discussion held No formal action taken.

6. Consideration and Possible Adoption of CODI Memo to Mayor and Council on City HR.

Commissioner Espadas had a brief comment in regard to the Memo, He noted the possibility of attending a Mayor and Council meetings in person. Chairperson Coble and Commissioner Jordan both agreed this is a good idea and it will be looked into.

It was moved by Commissioner Espadas, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 to approve the Memorandum to Mayor and Council on City of Tucson Human Resources Representatives.

7. Verbal Update to CODI on Complete Streets Coordinating Council Action March 2024.

Chairperson Coble opened discussion on item giving a brief update on CSCC stating the main area of discussion was a sidewalk and bike lane improvement to the area of Silverlake Rd. He noted this should be done fairly quick and it will include accessible refuge islands, more push button crossings, narrowing of Silverlake Rd, possible review of reduced speed and the monetary amount for the improvements totaling about 590k.

No Further discussion held No formal action taken.

8. Announcements.

Commissioner Jordan briefly spoke on an event as he is still part of the Melbourne Australia Accessibility Community and they are hosting a "Try Before You Ride" event with Transportation showing boarding of buses, positioning oneself, etc.. He also mentioned that he will be attending the next Plan Tucson meeting at the TCC.

No Further discussion held No formal action taken.

9. Adjournment. 4:46 PM