



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

May 15, 2024, 3:30 P.M.

Pursuant to safe practices during COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person meetings are canceled 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 3:30 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

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

Representing

Mayor's Office
City Manager
Ward 2
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Absent:

Representing:

Staff and Others Present:

Stephanie Alvarez
Rene Figueroa
Andrea Barredo
Chris Desborough
Steve Spade
Shawn Mangan
Valerie Sipp
Rhett Crowninshield

City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
Staff
GM SunTran
Operations Supervisor
Guest
DTM

2. Minutes Approval for April Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Derbyshire, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2024.

*Commissioner Lily Bogan abstained from voting, per Mayor & Council Rules and Regulations "Failure to vote by a council member shall be counted as an affirmative vote"). **The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.***

3. Call to the Audience

None

(NOTE: item 3 was taken out of order and considered after item 4)

4. Follow up Discussion With Sun Tran Representatives Regarding November 2023 Memorandum, Addressing CODI Concerns.

Chairperson Coble opened discussion noting this is a follow up to the November 2023 Memo. Mr. Spade ensued in conversation highlighting on points in the Memorandum such as passengers using a mobility device boarding and others boarding, replacement of beeper on ramp, the usage of the quantum and signs. He continued by fielding the questions stating they do instruct the operators to ask other passengers to refrain from boarding until the mobility device is properly secured, the beeper is still being used as there is currently no other technology unless a microphone is used, and with use of the quantum there has been signs now placed on the buses. Commissioners Jordan, Derbyshire along with Chairperson Coble commented on the lack of signage, absence of audible announcements, maintenance of systems, training techniques, current app and reports being made. Mr. Spade noted Operators are supposed to do a pre-trip inspection, council coach and terminate with complaints and the possibility of coming at a later meeting with tracking of customer complaints

(ADA). Mr. Spade also noted he will look into and follow up on signs, audible announcements inside and outside of bus and follow up on write-up reports being looked into. It was also mentioned that the public also has the option to call and ask about a specific situation and follow up regarding report made. Discussion continued regarding boarding, transit advertising, curb distance during boarding and placard to alert the client on the procedure the operator should follow. All questions were fielded by Mr. Spade and Mr. Crowninshield.

No Further discussion held No formal action taken.

5. Discussion by CODI Members on Potential Outreach to Mayor, Council and City Manager.

Chairperson Coble opened discussion noting ideas previously mentioned regarding speaking with Mayor and Council (appointees) in person opposed to just sending memorandums and reports. He noted this could be done by presenting at a Mayor and Council meeting or individual meetings. All Commissioner agreed the one-on-one approach would be best as of now with agreeance on having an overall agenda and questions.

No Further discussion held No formal action taken.

6. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Visual Image Descriptions and Preferred Pronoun Usage Guidance for Guests and Commissioners.

Chairperson Coble opened discussion in relation to introducing oneself or guest introductions in and more accessible and inclusive manner as it relates to visual descriptions for members or the public that may have a vision disability along with gender pronouns. All members agreed to continue using "Commissioner" and if in the future with new members or guests has a pronoun preference it will be acknowledged and used.

7. Announcements

Commissioner Jordan Opened discussion noting he attended the Plan Tucson, which was a large meeting, but was a bit disappointed in the policies. Chairperson Coble ensued in conversation stating he and Commissioner Jordan can coordinate an agenda item for both Plan Tucson and Complete Streets since they are somewhat related. Commissioner Derbyshire briefly mentioned he attended a focus group for Sun Van Which was a productive meeting, Chairperson Coble finished item noting he will be giving a Complete Streets update on the next meeting.

No Further discussion held No formal action taken.

8. Adjournment

5:00 PM