



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

February 21, 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

***Indicates Revisions**

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
Zach Coble, Chairperson
Ray Jordan
Lily Bogan

Representing

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

Absent:

Representing:

Staff and Others Present:

Rebecca Hill
Chris Desborough
Sophia Gonzalez
Gabriela Barillas
Patrick Hartley
Stephanie Alvarez
Rick Guerra
Valerie Alvorardo Sipp
Wesley Derbyshire
***Sean Daughtery**

EOE Office
Staff
CSCC ***Member**
DTM Staff
CS Program Coordinator
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
Guest
Guest
Guest

2. Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2024

It was moved by Commissioner Kroeger, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2024.

3. Call to Audience

Wesley Derbyshire and Sean Daughtery briefly introduced themselves and expressed interest in CODI along with the current transportation concerns for the disabled.

4. Consideration and Possible Approval of CODI Annual Report.

Zach Coble opened discussion stating report needs to be sent to Mayor and Council, if there are any changes or input before approving, Commissioner Jordan briefly spoke stating report was good.

It was moved by Commissioner Kroeger, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, to approve the CODI Annual Report.

5. Consideration and Possible Approval of CODI Update to Mayor and Council on Communication and Action With the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Chairperson Coble opened the discussion by speaking about the previous CODI meeting and the discussion with Suzette Yaezenko, From Housing and Community Development. He noted a letter had been sent last year to Mayor and Council indicating HCD had not

yet responded with the requested information, however, has since responded with the information requested and provided a tour of accessible units. Commissioner Bogan had a follow up question regarding adaptations to which Chairperson Coble fielded the question noting it includes things such as shower grab bars, lowering cabinetry and hearing adaptations such as a visual alarm.

It was moved by Commissioner Bogan, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, to approve the CODI Update Communication and Action Report with the Department of Housing and Community Development.

6. Presentation and Discussion of the Complete Streets Coordinating Council With Sophia Gonzalez and Gabriela Barillas.

Chairperson Coble opened the discussion by introducing Sophia Gonzalez from the Complete Streets Coordinating Council and Gabriela Barillas from the Department of Transportation and Mobility. Ms. Barillas began by explaining an overview of the CSCC which is a public oversight committee that works with the Department of Transportation and Mobility to prioritize the investments that align with the Complete Streets policy and goals, input on project designs, and to make sure that transportation facilities accommodate all users. She continued by noting the CSCC is the public oversight committee for prop 411, which includes things such as sidewalks, street lighting and traffic signal upgrades. She noted the CSCC consists of 20 members, and it meets every 4th Wednesday of each month via zoom and there is an open seat for CODI currently on the CSCC. Sophia Gonzalez briefly ensued in discussion fielding questions from Commissioner Jordan and Chairperson Coble regarding a list of projects, priority of each, and if the priority projects are new projects or upgrades to current infrastructure and what percentage does prop 411 monies account for regarding transportation and infrastructure. She continued by briefly going more into detail about the projects which involve RTA, prop 407 bike boulevard projects and 411 mini grant portion.

Patrick Hartley from Department of Transportation and Mobility briefly ensued in discussion quickly emphasizing on the projects and the upgrading vs. new infrastructure.

7. Potential Appointment of CODI Member to the Complete Streets Coordinating Council.

Zach Coble discussed the open seat for a CODI member to fill the vacancy with the CSCC. Chairperson Coble showed interest in being appointed, to which commissioners agreed.

It was moved by Commissioner Bogan, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 to approve Chairperson Zach Coble to represent CODI on the CSCC.

8. Announcements.

Commissioner Jordan began discussion speaking on his representation in the Plan Tucson Transportation and Mobility group and the current direction they are going in for meetings. He noted previously they were virtual and just recently went to in person. He voiced his concern regarding the 2-hour meeting would turn into 6 for him due to travel, He stated he has reached out regarding same but has not yet received a response. Chairperson Coble briefly stated he could write a letter expressing concern due to travel difficulties if needed. Chairperson Bogan had a brief comment for questions regarding Derbyshire possibly becoming a commissioner and the process. Chairperson Coble closed the item announcing he will try to reach out to The Department of Transportation and Mobility regarding update on changes for public busing and paratransit Systems with the possibility of them attending a meeting.

9. Adjournment. 4:40 PM