



## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

July 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 3:30 p.m. Those present and absent were:

##### **Present:**

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

##### **Representing**

Mayor's Office  
City Manager  
Ward 2 (arrived at 3:32)  
Ward 2  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6

##### **Absent:**

##### **Representing:**

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

Will Rivera  
Rebecca Hill  
Chris Desborough  
Tim Thomure  
Stephanie Alvarez  
Rick Guerra

EOE  
EOE  
Staff  
City Manager  
City Clerk's Office  
City Clerk's Office

## **2. Call to the Audience**

None

## **3. Discussion With City Manager Tim Thomure.**

Chairperson Coble opened discussion introducing City Manager Tim Thomure; Mr. Thomure ensued in discussion introducing himself and giving a brief background on his time with COT, he noted he has been with the City of Tucson this time around for 8 ½ years. He continued by stating he came in as the director of Tucson Water in 2016 (engineer by trade), Director briefly at Parks, Assistant City Manager at Public Works, interim stint with Transportation and Mobility and a year with Planning and Development Service's. He stated about 1.5 years ago he became the Deputy City Manager overseeing Public Safety, and from there became the City Manager once Mr. Ortega left. He quickly noted his previous work prior to working with COT which included consulting, hydrologist (COT) and environmental compliances in the mining industry in South Dakota. Commissioner Jordan, Espadas, Coble, Kroeger and Derbyshire had questions for Mr. Thomure Which included priorities and improvements, inclusivity and sidewalk conditions, Commission fitting into the plans and helping to enact the vision, issues related to chapter 25, complaints as relates to code enforcement and what the CMO plans on doing proactively. City Manager Tim Thomure fielded the questions stating that he will strive to continue to improve how Tucsonans are served, bridging the gap for the fixing of sidewalks as sometimes the homeowners refuse or financially cannot, Props 407/411/101 which are approved investments and the importance of those monies being delegated efficiently along with creating an environment for people to be successful in. He continued by noting educating the whole organization on issues as there is a lack of knowledge as it pertains to the disability community and educating will help in the decision making. He also with input from Rebecca Hill spoke on the repair of sidewalks and businesses adhering to accessibility standards set forth, to which he agreed code enforcement doesn't routinely act on all ADA specific complaints and individuals with accessibility complaints should not go directly

to DOJ but OEOP function. Ms. Hill briefly noted that they do not have jurisdiction with private homeowners or businesses OEOP only has jurisdiction to address the city. Mr. Thomure did note he is still debriefing, and his team is doing follow-up work, and they will continue to meet and talk through the city's stance and actions in the disability community.

**4. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Minutes from May 2024 Meeting.**

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 7 to 0 to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2024.

**5. Consideration and Possible Adoption of CODI Priorities for Meeting with Mayor and Council.**

Chairperson Coble opened the item noting it is somewhat of a review about previous discussions had regarding CODI Priorities and meeting with appointees. Commissioner Jordan briefly spoke stating the document isn't necessarily for distribution to Mayor and Council but highlights what the Commission would like to talk about with the respective appointer. Commissioner Jordan also stated he has had a meeting with his local Council member and a follow up meeting with the staff for the board newsletter. He continued by noting that he did bring up a few issues particularly within the ward and feels CODI is on the right path. Chairperson Coble closed the item stating each commissioner can reach out and have meetings and use the document and topics in the discussion.

It was moved by Commissioner Derbyshire, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 7 to 0 to approve the CODI Priorities for the City of Tucson.

## **6. Update to CODI on Complete Streets Coordinating Council Action March 2024.**

Chairperson Coble opened item stating the documents provided from the Complete Streets Coordinating Council are basically a draft of funding priorities for the CSCC. He gave a brief background which included public safety improvements such as bike lanes and hawk signals and noted sidewalk improvements are a bit separate from public safety. He continued by stating one of the ways being considered for sidewalk improvements is to see which collector streets vs. Arterial streets can be done. An example being Columbus where there are gaps in sidewalks and or road projects already funded as this may lowers the cost once coupled together. Commissioner Espadas ensued in discussion asking what data CSCC is working off of and data the Commission can go off of, Chairperson Coble fielded the question noting there is a scoring system, crash data and project goals for CSCC. Commissioner Derbyshire and Kroeger briefly ensued in discussion asking what was being considered for the plans with funding vs. the long-range plans and attention to disability access on CSCC. Chairperson Coble answered questions noting Move Tucson is more a vision and CSCC is more what's already funded and that there is a mutual understanding whether disabled or not the benefit to the infrastructure is mutual when it comes to things like Hawk lights.

## **7. Announcements**

Chairperson Coble briefly announced the opening on the Tucson transit tax force, he also welcomed the newest CODI member Kate Elliott, who briefly ensued in discussion introducing herself. He also mentioned possibly writing a Memorandum regarding sidewalks as suggested by Commissioner Jordan.

No Further discussion held No formal action taken.

## **8. Adjournment**

4:54 pm