



## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 3:30P.M.

### Legal Action Report

#### 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  
Sue Kroeger  
Wesley Derbyshire  
Jonathan Lee Confer  
Zach Coble, Chairperson  
Ray Jordan  
Lily Bogan

**Representing**

Mayor's Office  
City Manager  
Ward 2  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6

**Absent:**

Kate Elliott

**Representing:**

City Manager

**Staff and Others Present:**

Rick Guerra  
Susana Zamora  
Chris Desborough  
Jennifer Bonham  
PJ Dixon

City Clerk's Office  
City Clerk's Office  
Ward 2 Staff  
OEOP Department  
DRT Presenter

## **2. Call to the Public**

Jennifer Bonham – Introduced herself, she will be taking over in an interim capacity for Rebecca Hill as she has retired.

## **3. Presentation and Discussion of Disability Response Training for Tucson Police Officers with P.J. Dixon**

PJ introduce himself. PJ helped train TPD with Disability Response training and how to handle the disabled community. This is a unique program that helps train in defensive tactics that can be applied to the real world. The program is broken down to 3 parts:

1. Familiarization with disabilities and mobility devices and mobility aids
2. Controlling and cuffing
3. Lifting and searching

Police officers across the country get tons of training in cognitive and emotional disabilities but nothing on physical disabilities.

## **4. Consideration and Possible approval of January 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes.**

It was moved by Commissioner Lee, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, motion passed to approve the Minutes of January 2025.

## **5. Discussion and Feedback of Walkway Accessibility and Safety effort with Commissioner Lee Confer.**

Commissioner Lee Confer is currently working with American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) – ASTM helps develop standards for safety for disability and public health. They are looking at an open canvas to help create standards for the public. This encompasses everything inside a building and outside a building including parking spaces.

Commissioner Jordan would like to see the repairs in the sidewalks done correctly.

Commissioner Derbyshire would like to see the crosswalks to be aligned with posts that holds the button to activate the signal to cross the street off the pavement so a person with a wheelchair and blind person can have better access.

Chairperson Coble suggested that if they are adding signifiers that they be flat and that they don't move as mobility devices, scooters and walkers will have a hard time navigating.

## **6. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Accessibility and opportunity to draft memo.**

Commissioner Jordan suggested a pedestrian pathway for better access to the Zoo and Aquatic Recreation Center at Reid Park. Now they are wondering how many other Parks and Recreation facilities don't have a good pathway for pedestrians.

Chairperson Coble mentioned that Director Hamwey identified that park's accessibility issue and added that to a database.

Jennifer Bonham would be happy to ask informally if the database is publicly available in a format that is usable.

Chairperson Coble would like to know who can volunteer to do the memo to the Mayor and Council.

## **7. Possible Update from City Clerk liaisons on ability of CODI to issue press release.**

City Clerk will follow up again with the attorney.

## **8. Announcements.**

Chairperson Coble is in charge of updating the CODI tracking document to track the progress and the work so far but will report on this next month.

Commissioner Jordan was appointed to the Tucson Transit Advisory Committee. He will be able to report after the next meeting on any updates.

Commissioner Sue is reviewing the Plan Tucson and is planning to attend the next public meeting.

Chairperson wanted to announce that there is a meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at Ward 2 office regarding possible options for Sun Van. And an Art Exhibit at the Mexican Consulate on Broadway and Alvernon on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Espadas mentioned that coming up next month is the Bailey beats Fund Raiser for Charcot Marie Tooth research, also the virtual jail on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, able differently entertainment over on Castro and Grant.

**9. Adjournment: 4:57 PM**