



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 3:30 P.M.

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

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

Representing

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

Absent:

Representing:

Staff and Others Present:

Rebecca Hill
Will Rivera
Susana Zamora
Rick Guerra

EOE Office
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City Clerk's Office
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2. Introduction of New City Clerk liaison Susana Zamora

Susana Zamora introduced herself.

3. Call to the Audience / Public

No one spoke.

4. Consideration and Possible approval of October 2024 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Derbyshire, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, to approve the Minutes of October 16, 2024.

5. Discussion of CODI's work in 2023 and 2024 and its Results

Chairperson Coble wanted to go over the achievements and the accomplishments from the last year and a half. He asked the Commissioners for feedback on the effectiveness of the power or lack thereof of issues reported to Mayor and Council. Also, next month maybe they can decide on some strategic areas that they would like to cover to create relationships for accountability with CODI and with the City.

Commissioner Jordan briefly talked about the conversation with the Director of the Department of Transportation from Australia and that he would like to have a similar conversation with the Director of SunTran to discuss specifically accessibility and how we are going to fix it.

Commissioner Kroeger wonder how we could have conversations about maybe a wider, rare array of conditions that maybe we are not thinking about or addressing relative to access, I just think sometimes of psychiatric, chronic health and cognitive kinds of concerns. She also agreed with Commissioner Jordan about stablishing importance of having relationships with various departments.

Commissioner Espadas talked about wanting to recognize the positives that businesses out there in the community do like one of the restaurants on 4th Ave that has a wheelchair lift.

Commissioner Bogan would like to look into issues concerning mental health facilities for anyone who needs help. She also said she liked the improved communication between Council Members, City Manager and the Mayor.

Commissioner Derbyshire said it would be helpful for us to keep a running tab and track the progress of all the projects that we have been working on and where it was in the process flow that might be helpful for new Commissioners that are coming.

6. Opportunity for Commissioners to share about meeting with their Appointing Office.

Chairperson Coble would like the Commissioners to try meet and create accountability relationships between the Commission and City Officials and City Departments. Commissioners mentioned that they are not having any good luck communicating with their council members. Commissioner Bogan mentioned that Ward 6 is interested and more supportive of CODI.

7. Announcements.

Chairperson Coble and Commissioner Derbyshire open the announcements with the Disability Pride Day at Udall Park from 11am to 5pm on December 7th, 2024.

Commissioner Derbyshire also mention the proclamation for December 7th, 2024, to be Disability Pride Day on the last Mayor and Council meeting on November 20, 2024, that was written by Naomi Ortiz.

Commissioner Espadas mention the organization he has been working with called Differently Able Entertainment (DAE) and their focus was to get people of all disabilities into action or film. They

will be hosting what they're calling the Seven Days or the Eleven Days of Christmas, everyone is welcome.

8. Adjournment: 4:50 PM