



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 3:30 P.M.

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

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

Representing

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

Absent:

Representing:

Staff and Others Present:

Rebecca Hill
Rick Guerra
Stephanie Alvarez
Amanda Smith
Jessica Janecek
Erick Bieber
Chris Desborough
Lara Hamwey
Valerie Sipp

OEOP Office
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
PDSD
PDSD
PDSD
Ward 2 Staff
Parks and Recreation
Guest

2. Introduction of new Commissioner Jonathan Lee Confer.

Commissioner Jonathan Lee Confer introduced himself and gave a brief background which included his work at the UofA as a professor and his research.

3. Call to the Audience / Public

No one spoke.

4. Consideration and Possible approval of December 2024 Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 8 to 0, motion pass to approve the Minutes of December 2024.

5. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Department's efforts to ensure accessibility and inclusion with Director Lara Hamwey.

Chairperson Coble quickly introduced Director Lara Hamwey from parks and Recreation, with questions following immediately after from Commissioners Kroger, Jordan, Derbyshire and Chairperson Coble. Director Hamwey fielded the questions from commissioners such as park organization/sections, ADA liaison and audits, fitness facility compliance for visually impaired and data relative to status of the parks. She explained in detail the hiring and qualifications for ADA Liaison, small projects being done at parks such as paths to picnic tables and making data (audits) available for viewing.

6. Discussion and feedback opportunity on draft plan with representatives from Plan Tucson.

Amanda Smith, A lead planner at Planning and Development Services Department briefly spoke mentioning they currently have a preliminary draft for Plan Tucson which they are seeking feedback on. She continued by going over the Plan Tucson roadmap and slide show which highlighted the 14 goals and policies, future growth scenario and land use.

Commissioner lee-Confer, Kroger and Chairperson Coble followed up with questions and input regarding items such as metrics used for evaluation of accessibility on transportation systems for individuals with disabilities, SunVan and multi-modal goals with terms that can be added in the policy section. Amanda Smith and Jessica Janecek from PDSD fielded the questions and noted the ADA transition plan, equity narrative, engagement form and will follow up on questions asked for further clarification.

7. Consideration and Possible Approval of CODI Tracking document.

Chairperson Coble briefly mentioned he has been working on a CODI tracking document which entails content such as issues being covered, Departments responsible and actions taken. Commissioner Jordan quickly ensued in discussion regarding document and suggested each time the document is updated it should get dated.

It was moved by Commissioner Derbyshire, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 8 to 0, motion pass to approve the CODI tracking document with edits.

8. Announcements.

Rebecca Hill quickly announced her retirement effective February 4, 2025 and noted Will Rivera will be leaving as well, with new staff coming into the OEOP Department.

9. Adjournment: 4:59 PM