



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

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

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Derrick Espadas
Sue Kroeger
Wesley Derbyshire
Zach Coble, Chairperson
Ray Jordan

Representing

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

Absent:

Kate Elliott
Lily Bogan
Jonathan Lee Confer

Representing:

City Manager
Ward 6
Ward 3

Staff and Others Present:

Rick Guerra
Stephanie Alvarez
Brandi Medina
Chris Desborough
Jennifer Bonham
Jennifer Toothaker
Sabrina Herrera
Mikel Oglesby
Shawn Mangan

City Clerk's Office
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Ward 2 Staff
City Attorney's Office
Deputy Director DTM
Sun Tran
Sun Tran, Sun van, Sun link
Sun Tran

2. Call to the Public.

No one spoke

3. Discussion with Sun Tran Leadership Regarding Sun Van Services and Sun Tran Accessibility.

Mikel Oglesby, General Manager of Sun Tran/Sun Van/Sun Link opened item by giving a brief introduction and background on himself, which included his prior work experience in Public Transportation. Commissioners Jordan, Derbyshire, Espadas and Chairperson Coble ensued in conversation with questions regarding Sun Van Comprehensive Operation Analysis report, public feedback, Title 6 meeting posting and email list, on time performance, Customer satisfaction, ROI and marginalized population. Mikel Oglesby, Sabrina Herrera and Shawn Mangan fielded the questions also noting they will further look into issues such as email notifications, secure wheelchairs and notes taken by drivers.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Espadas, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, to hold on approval of February minutes until the April CODI meeting.

5. Discussion and Possible Approval of Parks and Recreation Department CODI Memorandum, to Mayor and Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Derbyshire, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, Motion passed to approve the Parks and Recreation Memorandum to Mayor and Council.

6. Update on ADA Annual Compliance Review by ADOT-Jenn Toothaker, Deputy Director (DTM).

Deputy Director Toothaker briefly introduced herself and gave a quick synopsis of her title, time with the City of Tucson and recent assignment to the City Managers Office. She continued by elaborating more on the database being used and how the research data helped complete the annual report to ADOT. Deputy Director Toothaker continued with a slide presentation which included City of Tucson ADA training, accessibility complaints, accommodation requests, upcoming projects, corrected ADA issues and looking ahead 2025 Initiatives. Commissioners Espadas, Derbyshire and Jordan ensued in conversation with follow up questions regarding decentralization of the database, conflicts of interest in accessibility needs, data architecture and third-party website compliance. Both Jennifer Toothaker and Jennifer Bonham fielded the questions and noted it would be beneficial to have someone who has a back round in design to tap in and answer further questions, revisiting soon and reaching out to procurement for the City's Contracts as it pertains to Third party website and ADA Compliance.

7. Consideration and Possible Approval of CODI Annual Report.

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

8. Announcements.

Commissioner Jordan Opened item by noting he attended the Ward 2 office meeting regarding Sun Van comprehensive operational analysis. He continued by stating that much of it was on other operators including Sun Link and private operators and people with disabilities using them and mistreatment, Commissioner Jordan quickly also mentioned he is now serving on Tucson's Transit Advisory Committee. Commissioner Espadas ensued in discussion stating he did meet with Mayor Romero briefly and noted that the mayor and her chief of staff mentioned a formal invite for her to possibly attend a meeting, He also stated Mayor Romero emphasized economic development to which he mentioned making Tucson disability friendly.

9. Adjournment: 4:59 PM