



MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS
MAY 1, 2023
IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:30 p.m., In-person and Virtual meeting.

Members Present:

Chair, Irene Mochel
Vice Chair, Paul Kent
Robin DiMarino
Rachel Gomez
Kathy Jefferson
Jeff Oats

Members Absent:

Jacob Bunch
Julie Malloy
Katherine Schmidt

Staff Present:

- Ginny Belousek, Diversity Manager

1. Call to the public: None

2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 3, 2023

Motion: Approval of April 3, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Jeffrey Oats

Second: Commissioner Kathy Jefferson

Motion: Carried with 6 Votes. Ayes: Chair Irene Mochel, Vice Chair Paul Kent, and Commissioners, Robin DiMarino, Rachel Gomez, Kathy Jefferson, Jeffrey Oats. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioners Jacob Bunch, Julie Malloy and Katherine Schmidt

3. All-Abilities Awards Wrap-Up

The Commission discussed the 2023 Mayor's All-Abilities Awards. The following is a list of comments:

- This was a big improvement from last year, great event.
- There is a need for better lighting on the stage if the event is kept at the TCA Studio. It was too dark.
- Provide the photographer with a shot list – the photos she captured did not reflect the entire event. Rachel has a template shot list she can share to be used next year. The Commission agreed that would be good.
- Have the City PIO do a press release after the event, highlighting all the winners.
- Make sure the photos are e-mailed out to all the winners.
- The Outstanding Youth Award winners should also get trophies.
- Make sure the date is on all the awards.
- Shop early for the awards and bring samples to a CDC meeting for all commissioners to see. Irene said all are invited to join her at the trophy shop when selecting them.
- Commissioners loved Higher Octave Healing, but they played too long.
- Commission members should make it a priority to attend the All-Abilities Awards, unless they have a very good reason, i.e., ill.
- Have the Reception in the Lobby instead of the Lakeside Room, if available.
- Set the date for all future All-Abilities Awards as the first Tuesday in April. Contact the TCA now for the 2024 event.
- It was odd to hear the details of the award winner's disability/diagnosis in the script. While this may be important to their story in telling why they were selected for the award, we should try to leave this out if it is not relevant.
- Decrease the amount of food next year. There was a lot left over.
- If gifts are given to the award winners, make sure they are dropped off the day prior to the event. Laura's Gourmet Granola was kind enough to give each award winner a gift of her granola, however she showed up after many of the winners had already checked in and Kathy had to track them all down.
- Write physical thank you notes to the Mayor, keynote speaker and sponsors. Ginny will bring them to the June meeting for the commissioners to sign.
- Let the commissioners working the check-in table know when the event is starting so they can go in and find a seat. It was decided that



we will reserve seats in the future for these commissioners. The commission was split on whether to reserve seats for all commissioners, and this will be addressed again next year.

- Invite all Diablos in attendance on the stage, not only the Board. Try to get the names of the Diablos who plan to attend in advance so they can be acknowledged in the script.
- Irene's friend who has gone to all the Disability Awards over the years said this was the best one she's ever attended.
- Ginny shared the link to the All-Abilities Awards video that will be on the City's website. It is not live yet, as it is still being edited, but Ginny will let the Commission know when it goes live.
- Ginny informed the Commission that the Diablos Grant for the 2024 event has been submitted. She shared copies of the grant with the Commissioners.
- Irene shared that the keynote speaker for 2024 has been selected and has accepted. She shared that she had the idea moving forward to begin asking the current Pride of the City Award Winner to be the following year's keynote speaker. We did that this year, with Tim Bolen. Next year's keynote will be this year's Pride of the City Award winner, Jamie Arredondo-Brunk from Suzy Foundation.
- Ginny brought extra programs from the event for the commissioners who didn't get one at the event.
- Rachel said she had people tell her that the online nomination form was confusing. Ginny asked for specifics to share with the webmaster for possible improvements. Rachel will e-mail Ginny with this information.

4. General Plan 2050 Report

Kathy Jefferson announced that the committee is finishing up and the project has been completed. They are meeting tomorrow to review the document. She will make a final report at next month's meeting.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023. **LOCATION:** Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road and Virtual

MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Kathy Jefferson



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SECOND: Commissioner Jeff Oats

MOTION: CARRIED WITH 6 VOTES. Ayes: Chair Irene Mochel, Vice-Chair Paul Kent, and Commissioners Robin DiMarino, Rachel Gomez, Kathy Jefferson, Jeff Oats. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioners Jacob Bunch, Julie Malloy and Katherine Schmidt

MOTION: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:42 PM