

# Minutes

## Commission on Disability Concerns Meeting

### October 2, 2023

Minutes of the COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS held on Monday, October 2, 2023, 6:30 p.m., held both In-Person & Virtually: Tempe Public Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282 & Microsoft Teams at the following link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) or by telephone: (480) 498-8745, United States, Phoenix (Toll), Conference ID: 762 995 762#

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Paul Kent  
Rachel Gomez  
Kathy Jefferson  
Irene Mochel (Chair)

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Jeffrey Oats  
Jacob Bunch  
Katherine Schmidt

**City Staff Present:**

Elena Hale, Cultural Programs & Public Education Coordinator  
Jordan Guerrero, Education Career & Family Services Supervisor  
Cynthia Garcia, Education Career & Family Services Manager  
Samantha Mason, Senior Recreation Coordinator  
Erin Kirkpatrick, Community Services Manager  
Tim Burch, Community Health Human Services Director

**Guests**

Ahmad Daniels

**Call to Order**

Chair Mochel called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

None

**Agenda Item 2 – Kid Zone: Samantha Mason, Erin Kirkpatrick, Cynthia Garcia, Jordan Guerrero and Tim Burch**

Chair Mochel introduced and welcomed City of Tempe staff to the meeting and to present.

Each staff member gave a background of their job duties and how they may relate to both Kid Zone and Adaptive Recreation. Staff talked in depth about the resources and tools within both programs, and how they may best serve the various populations within Tempe. Staff gave an in-depth description on how Adaptive Recreation may be more specifically trained to work with one population, while Kid Zone staff may not have the same training. Tempe staff is currently researching licensure reaccreditation options in an effort for Adaptive Recreation and Kid Zone to continue to serve our community in the strongest capacity. Staff thanked the commissioners for seeking out this topic.

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**Agenda Item 3 – Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Date – November 6, 2023**

Dr. Humes offered to make a presentation on the 3.13 Performance Measure within the City of Tempe. The commission discussed the Making Space Equity Audit presentation scheduled for the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

**Motion made by Commissioner Jefferson to adjourn the meeting  
Second by Commissioner Gomez  
Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.**

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Prepared by: Elena Hale

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Reviewed by: Velicia McMillan Humes