

# Meeting Minutes

## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

### Regular Meeting

December 9, 2025 | 7:00 a.m.  
Civitan Commons  
1700 W Warner Rd, Chandler, AZ 85224



#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hespel at 7:00 a.m.

#### Roll Call

##### Commission Attendance

Chair Bill Hespel  
Vice Chair Julie Lazzara  
Committee member Kim Foy  
Committee member Geoffrey Foote  
Committee member Emily Raymond  
Committee member Steven Briggs  
Committee member Elisha Anderson

##### Staff Attendance

Becky Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent  
Josh Adams, Business System Support Analyst

##### Absent

Committee member Jenny Miller

#### Consent Agenda

1. November 4, 2025 Minutes  
Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

#### Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Comm. Raymond moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Comm. Briggs. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

#### Action Agenda

2. Purchase of \$1,000 in committee promotional items

The committee discussed replenishing accessible SWAG items used at community events, including credit-card magnifying lenses and earplugs. Members noted the items were well-received at the recent Golf Challenge event and serve as useful awareness tools.

Marketing may assist with brochure printing at minimal cost.

A motion to approve up to \$1,000 for promotional purchases was made by Vice Chair Lazzara, seconded by Comm. Foote, and unanimously approved (7-0).

## Discussion

### 3. Golf Challenge debrief

Ms. Kuiper reported that the 2025 Golf Challenge event generated \$19,338 in proceeds, reflecting steady annual growth. Committee members shared positive feedback on the pace of play, raffle experience, and overall participant engagement. Sponsorships were strong, although many arrived after the deadline.

The Committee discussed replacing the ball-cannon activation with a new interactive feature for next year. With the 30th anniversary event approaching, members expressed anticipation for surpassing fundraising milestones and continuing the event's success.

### 4. Movie Screening

The previously considered film is no longer eligible for City sponsorship. The Committee reviewed the possibility of screening the film "Unstoppable", which highlights the journey of local ASU athlete Anthony Robles. Members agreed to review the film individually to ensure rating appropriateness and discuss future screening dates at a later meeting. Staff will explore opportunities to incorporate a message or acknowledgment from the featured athlete.

### 5. Fun Run

The Fun Run is scheduled for February 26, 2026 and will coincide with the evening City Council meeting recognizing Disability Awareness Award recipients. Approximately 600 students from Chandler Unified School District will participate. Volunteers will be essential due to the reduced availability of previous support groups. Food service planning is ongoing, with hot dogs currently being the most accessible and inclusive option. Committee members were encouraged to attend and support setup activities.

### 6. Future Initiatives and Budget

Ms. Kuiper reported that the Committee's fund balance is estimated at approximately \$39,000 following the 2025 Golf Challenge. Members discussed prioritizing visible, community-centered accessibility investments to demonstrate direct benefit. Potential partnership opportunities with local service providers were discussed to identify high-impact projects. Final balance figures will be confirmed once November financials officially close.

## Member Comments

Vice Chair Lazzara mentioned that Landon's Legacy Emergency Response Training will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Chandler Innovation Center (9 a.m.–1 p.m.), and that it would also be a tabling opportunity for the committee if they are interested.

## Calendar

The next Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 a.m. in the Chandler Community Center, Room 101, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave.

## Information Items

7. Scholarships opened on December 1<sup>st</sup> and will close March 31<sup>st</sup>.
8. Disability Awareness Award nominations are open.

## Adjourn

Comm. Foote motioned to adjourn, Comm. Raymond seconded, and the Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 a.m. by Chair Hespel.

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Becky Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent

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Bill Hespel, Chair