

Meeting Minutes

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Regular Meeting

January 14, 2025 | 7:00 a.m.

Room 101, Chandler Community Center
125 E. Commonwealth Ave., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Foy at 7:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Vice Chair Kim Foy
Committee member Geoffrey Foote
Committee member Erin Fortner
Committee member Julie Lazzara
Committee member Jeff Deaver
Committee member William Hespel
Committee member Emily Raymond

Staff Attendance

Becky Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent
Nora Boettcher, Adaptive Recreation
Supervisor
Josh Adams, Business Systems Support
Analyst

Absent

Chair Tom Fay
Committee member Justine McDilda

1. Introduction new committee member Emily Raymond.

Consent Agenda

2. December 10, 2024, Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Comm. Foote moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Vice Chair Foy.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Action Agenda

3. Approve Scholarship and Stipend Program Applications
None received for January 2025

Discussion

4. Discussion Disability Awareness Award February 2025, submissions update.

Ms. Kuiper gave an update to the committee with the following information: Eight submissions were received, but Employee and Volunteer nominations are still missing. The deadline for submissions is January 31st. There are seven award categories, including the new Disability Ally of the Year, with criteria available on the website. A social media video will be posted on Chandler Recreation's Facebook and Instagram to generate interest. Currently, there are no submissions for Employee and Volunteer of the Year, and one nomination each for the other categories, except Student and Employer, which have two nominations for the same individual. Different criteria apply for each award regarding Chandler residency and impact; follow-up with the marketing team is required. Awards will be presented on February 20th at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, with the Disability Awareness Month proclamation on the same evening. Action items include reaching out for more nominations, following up with the marketing team, and effectively communicating criteria to the community.

5. Discussion of the upcoming 2025 Fun Run, update.

Ms. Kuiper reviewed the expenses for the Fun Run taking place February 20th in the morning, followed by a City Council meeting at 6:00 PM. Over 600 students, aides, and teachers are expected. The event, held at Tumbleweed Park, is an initiative of the Mayor's Committee in collaboration with the school district and includes a hot dog lunch and medallions for participants. The Fun Run, in its 20th year, features entertainment such as a DJ, face painters, and balloon artists, with budget details provided.

Discussion ensued regarding volunteers should arrive by 9:00 AM, with the event starting at 10:15 AM for high school students and 10:20 AM for elementary students. The event aims to ensure maximum student participation while adhering to safety restrictions, with a focus on creating a fun and inclusive atmosphere. The event is a wonderful opportunity to create a fun and inclusive atmosphere for the students, so participation will make a big difference.

6. Discussion of In a Different Key movie screening, update.

The committee discussed the screening of "In a Different Key," a documentary about the first person diagnosed with autism, to be held on March 9th at Chandler Center for the Arts. Organizations will have the opportunity to table in the lobby from 1:00 to 2:00 PM before the 2:00 PM screening, followed by a panel discussion. The committee committed to providing refreshments and tabling at the event. Ms. Kuiper spoke about the availability of the marketing team to assist with additional swag. Discussion ensued about acquiring a branded tablecloth and various giveaway items, such as pens, page magnifiers, and first aid kits. Further decisions and funding approvals will be made at the February meeting.

7. Discussion Gift Fund balance and desired projects.

Ms. Kuiper discussed the updated gift fund balance, which is now \$51,774, reflecting successful Golf Challenge years. A \$500 scholarship approved last month and upcoming expenses for fundraising items are not yet deducted, leaving a significant balance. The fund, primarily sourced from the Golf Challenge, is currently used for scholarships, stipends, and Disability Awareness Awards. The committee considered raising the scholarship amount to \$1,000 and exploring new projects. Additionally, \$15,000 was allocated for the Certified Autism Center designation, with plans to expand sensory guides and signage.

8. Discussion of Discussion topics for Mayor Hartke's planned attendance at the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities February meeting.

The committee discussed the upcoming visit from the Mayor and the topics they would like to address, such as disability training for the fire and police departments. They also expressed interest in understanding the Mayor's vision for the committee and how they can better support people with disabilities in Chandler. Suggestions included inviting guest speakers from public safety departments and the nonprofit Preston's Pursuits. The committee emphasized the importance of training for emergency responders and discussed the potential for collaboration with the mayor and city council to improve services and support for the disabled community.

9. Discussion Presentation to Parks and Recreation Board, March 4, 2025, at 5 p.m. meeting.

Ms. Kuiper discussed the opportunity to present at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting on March 4th at 5:00 PM. The presentation would cover the committee's activities and foster a two-way conversation with the Parks and Recreation Board. Staff members will prepare the presentation and coordinate with committee members. Comm. Lazzara volunteered to speak, with support from other committee members. The presentation aims to explore potential collaborations, such as increasing playgrounds or sensory trails, and

better understand what the Parks and Recreation Board does. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers Conference room.

10. Discussion Emergency Response Training for the Inclusive Community organized by Landon's Legacy Foundation.

Comm. Lazzara discussed the upcoming Emergency Response Training for the Inclusive Community, organized by the Landon's Legacy Foundation, to be held on April 12th at the Chandler Police Community Room. The event, limited to 75 participants, will offer free CPR, AED, and seizure response certifications. Lunch will be provided by DC Cafe. The Mayor's Committee was invited to participate and possibly have a table at the event. The importance of increasing CPR certification, especially for those working with special needs individuals, was highlighted. Potential future projects include scholarship programs for teachers to obtain certifications. Registration details are available on the foundation's website.

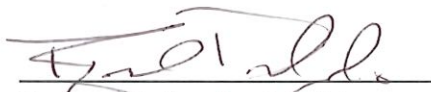
Calendar

11. The next Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities meeting will be held February 11, 2025 at 7:00 a.m. in the Chandler Community Center, Room 101, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave.

Information Items

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 a.m. by Vice Chair Foy.


Raquel Delgado, Secretary


Tom Fay, Chair