

# Meeting Minutes

## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Regular Meeting

February 11, 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

Chair Tom Fay  
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  
Raquel Delgado, Secretary

#### Absent

Committee member Justine McDilda

### Scheduled public Appearance

1. Presentation by Mayor Kevin Hartke

The Mayor expressed gratitude to the board members for their dedication and service, encouraged new ideas and innovative approaches to enhance community services, emphasized the importance of the committee's role in supporting individuals with disabilities, discussed the visibility of the committee's work among City Council members, and acknowledged the need for better engagement with local provider services. Comm. Raymond suggested touring local provider services for better understanding, and the

Mayor mentioned upcoming visits and participation in legislative activities. The Mayor encouraged invitations for visits to specific events or programs for better engagement.

## **Consent Agenda**

1. January 14, 2025, Minutes  
Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

## **Consent Agenda Motion and Vote**

Comm. Hespel moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Comm. Foote.

Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

## **Action Agenda**

2. Approve Scholarship and Stipend Program Applications  
Narcissa Baymon: Deferred to next meeting, committee requesting additional information. Comm. Raymond motioned to table to next meeting, Seconded by Comm. Fortner. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).
3. Approve to increase the Scholarship amount to \$1,000.  
Comm. Hespel motioned to approve, Seconded by Comm. Raymond. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).
4. Review and approve the 2025 Disability Awareness Awards nominations.  
Comm. Fortner motioned to approve the award nominations listed, Seconded by Comm. Hespel. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).  
Ally of the Year: Blas Minor, Educator of the Year: Erica Marsh, Employer of the Year: Sarha Clark, Student of the Year: Jordan River, Student of the Year: Sarvesh Chandran, Volunteer of the Year: Ally Anhalt.
5. Approve Disability Awareness Awards recipients will receive \$50 gift cards and a certificate.  
Comm. Foote motioned to approve, Seconded by Comm. Raymond. Motion carried unanimously (8-0)

## **Discussion**

6. Discussion Disability Awareness Awards presentation and proclamation.

Ms. Kuiper gave an update the awards presentation and proclamation announcement will take place at the City Council meeting on February 20th, which coincides on the evening of the fun run event. Attendees are encouraged to attend the meeting, as the proclamation will be presented first, followed by the disability awareness awards. The city manager's office needs a headcount of committee members who can attend, but members are welcome to show up even if they haven't confirmed in advance, as long as there is someone to accept the proclamation and give out the awards.

7. Discussion of the 2025 Fun Run, to be held Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Ms. Kuiper reviewed the morning of February 20th, committee members are requested to arrive at Tumbleweed Park's McDowell Pavilion by 9:00 AM for the fun run event. Volunteers and committee members are confirmed, with additional members and friends welcome to join. Volunteers will help organize student arrivals and assist at the finish line. Chair Fay and his group of volunteers were mentioned for their vital contributions. The event will also include serving hot dogs and chips, with police and fire departments requested to be on-site for emergencies. Members are encouraged to attend even if they haven't confirmed in advance.

8. Discussion and possible action item for purchasing tablecloth and swag for In a Different Key movie screening, on March 9, 2025.

The committee discussed and approved the purchase of a tablecloth and swag for the movie screening event on March 9th. The tablecloth design, costing approximately \$170, will feature the Chandler logo and the committee's name. Various swag items, including pocket magnifiers, stress balls with poppers, and earplugs, were discussed, with a preference for ordering quantities of 250-300. The event will take place at the Chandler Center for the Arts, with resource tables from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, the movie screening at 2:00 PM, and a panel discussion afterward. A commitment from at least one committee member is needed to work the table, with additional volunteers welcome.

Comm. Lazzara motioned to approve, Seconded by Comm. Hespel. Motion carried unanimously (8-0)

9. Discussion of presentation at Parks and Recreation Board March 4, 2025 meeting Comm. Lazzara presenting.

Ms. Kuiper discussed the Parks and Rec Board meeting will take place on March 4th at 5:00 PM in the City Council Chambers Conference room. Comm. Lazzara will present on behalf of the committee, and members are encouraged to attend to support her. Attendance

should be confirmed to ensure adequate space, though members are welcome to show up even if they haven't confirmed. The presentation is expected to last about an hour, and members can leave early if needed. The room is located to the left of the Council Chambers.

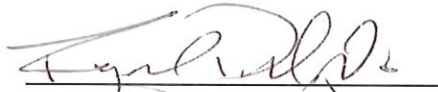
## Calendar

10. 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 8:26 a.m. by Vice Chair Foy.

  
Raquel Delgado, Secretary

  
Tom Fay, Chair