

Meeting Minutes

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 08 | 5:30 p.m.

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



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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair Tom Fay
Vice Chair Kim Foy
Committee member William Hespel
Committee member Justine McDilda
Committee member Julie Lazzara
Committee member Erin Fortner
Committee member Emily Raymond

Staff Attendance

Becky Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent
Joshua Adams, Business Systems Analyst
Sarah Phillips, Recreation Coordinator
Collette Prather, Recreation Coordinator

Absent

Committee member Geoffrey Foote

Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Appearances

Shauna Buxton provided information on "SNAP," a community activity night for adults with disabilities held on Thursday evenings. Their last spring event would be on April 10, and the program resumes in the fall. Contact details were provided for further inquiries.

Consent Agenda

1. March 11, 2025, Minutes

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Action Agenda

2. Approve Scholarship and Stipend Program Applications – none received.

Discussion

3. Attendance Policy Discussion

Staff presented an example of the Military & Veterans Commission's attendance policy. The policy defines excused absences with an authorization form. Committee consensus favored email communication over formal forms for absences. Staff will create a draft for the Committee and bring it back as an action item in May.

4. Discussion of Scheduled Meeting Times

The committee discussed the preference between morning and evening meetings. The decision was postponed, allowing input from the newly appointed member.

5. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Committee members may continue suggesting agencies or city departments to present at future meetings. No other future agenda items were identified.

6. Tabling Opportunity – April 12, 2025

An emergency response training event is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Chandler Police Department. Committee representation is welcomed. Materials will be provided to attending members. Committee member Hespel agreed to attend as a representative for the Committee.

Briefing

7. Adaptive Recreation Presentation

Colette Prather and Sarah Phillips (Recreation Coordinators) provided an in-depth overview of Adaptive Recreation programs, including Unified Sports, fashion show, Camp Challenge, and service/social events. Upcoming major events include the You Look Marvelous Fashion Show (Sept. 20) and continued seasonal programming through the Break Time publication.

Information Items

The next Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities meeting will be held on May 13, 2025, at 7 a.m. in the Chandler Community Center, Room 101, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave.

Fundraiser at Bourbon Jacks on Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. supporting the Landon's Legacy Foundation.

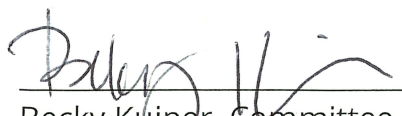
Scholarship recipient Narcissa expressed gratitude in a thank-you note; supplies were delivered by staff.

Chair Tom Fay to receive City of Chandler Volunteer of the Year award.

Boards and Commissions Appreciation Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Courtyard.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Fay.


Becky Kuiper, Committee Liaison


Tom Fay, Chair