

Meeting Minutes

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Regular Meeting

October 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 Chair Hespel at 7:07 a.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

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

Staff Attendance

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

Absent

Committee member Jenny Miller
Committee member Steven Briggs
Committee member Tom Fay

Consent Agenda

1. September 9, 2025 Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Action Agenda

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

Discussion

3. Discussion, possible action of the Disability Awareness Awards and categories

The committee revisited the previous month's decision to rename the 'Employee Disability Awareness Award' to 'Workplace Impact Award.' After further discussion and feedback from the Marketing Division, members agreed the new name might cause confusion.

Motion: To revert the category name back to 'Employee Disability Awareness Award.'

Motion by: Comm. Anderson | Second by: Comm. Foy

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

4. Staff reported \$12,500 in sponsorships secured to date compared to \$16,000 in 2024. Raffle donations are lower than prior years, and members were encouraged to solicit additional prizes or purchase gift cards for donation.

Registration currently stands at 69 golfers, with additional foursomes expected (cap: 112 golfers). Volunteers are needed for check-in and raffle sales the morning of the event. Check-in begins 11:30 a.m. with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.

Dinner Options Presented by Bear Creek Golf Course:

1. BBQ Sandwich (Chicken or Pulled Pork) – \$19
2. Meatball Sub – \$18 per participant
3. Burger Bar – \$16 per participant
4. Taco Bar – \$19 per participant

Motion: To select the BBQ Sandwich option for dinner.

Motion by: Comm. Raymond | Second by: Comm. Foote

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed donating raffle prizes personally; donations are due by October 28, with baskets assembled October 29.

5. Discussion, possible action of a potential Movie Screening on January 24th at the Chandler Center for the Arts

The committee discussed hosting a screening of the documentary 'Crip Camp' at the Chandler Center for the Arts on January 24, 2026 (tentatively reserved). Public educational screenings are permitted through Netflix at no cost, provided they are noncommercial and admission-free.

A subcommittee was formed to plan the event:

- Kim Foy
- Emily Raymond
- Geoffrey Foote
- Bill Hespel

Motion: To approve up to \$100 for event expenses and to form a subcommittee for planning.

Motion by: Comm. Raymond | Second by: Comm. Foote

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion of the annual Fun Run

7. Discussion, possible action of additional work session follow-up items

Staff recommended updating the Scholarship Program timeline.

Proposed Timeline:

- December 1 – Application window opens
- March 31 – Window closes
- April meeting – Committee reviews applications
- May-June – Final selection and fund distribution
- July/August – Award recognition at Council meeting

Motion: To adopt the updated scholarship timeline.

Motion by: Comm. Raymond | Second by: Comm. Foote

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion, possible action of the 2026 meeting schedule

The proposed schedule mirrors the current year, omitting July and August, with the annual retreat on August 1, 2026, and the Golf Challenge on February 26, 2026.

Amendment: The November 2026 meeting date changed from November 10 to November 3.

Motion: To approve the 2026 schedule as amended.

Motion by: Comm. Raymond | Second by: Comm. Foote

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

9. Tabling Event - 2026 IHD Evidence for Success Disability Conference, June 23-24, 2026

Motion: To table to the November meeting.

Motion by: Comm. Raymond | Second by: Comm. Hespel

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion, possible action regarding the Civitan meeting location for December or January meeting

Civitan Foundation offered to host the December 9, 2025 meeting and provide a tour of their campus.

Motion: To hold the December 9, 2025 meeting at Civitan Foundation, 7:00 a.m.

Motion by: Comm. Raymond | Second by: Comm. Foote

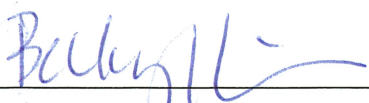
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Information Items

The next Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities meeting will be held on November 4th at 7:00 a.m. in the Chandler Community Center, Room 101, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 a.m. by Chair Hespel.



Becky Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent



Bill Hespel, Chair