



CITY OF SURPRISE
Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Current Events and Reports
- E. Staff Reports
- F. Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

INSTRUCTIONS: In order to address the Board\Commission, you will need to fill out a Call to the Public Form available at the front counter, and then turn it in to the Secretary before the meeting begins.

Note: A.R.S. 38-431.01(H) - During this time members of the public may address the Board\Commission only on issues within the jurisdiction of the Board\Commission which are not an item on the agenda. At the conclusion of the open call, the Board\Commission may respond to criticism, may ask staff to review the matter or may ask that the matter be put on a future agenda. No discussion or action shall take place on any item raised.

CONSENT AGENDA:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

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| 1. | Citywide | Consideration and action pertaining to the approval of the February 9, 2022 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes. | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 2. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion pertaining to the services offered by the Airman & Family Readiness Center. | None
Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 3. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion pertaining to Project Connect in Surprise. | None
Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 4. | Citywide | Update and discussion pertaining to the "Servants of Surprise" (SOS) program. | None
Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |

- G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items
- H. Executive Session

For information purposes: Upon a public majority vote of a quorum ("Commission"), the Commission may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, but for only the following purposes: discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2));

or discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)).

Confidentiality Requirements: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(C)(D), any person receiving executive session information pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 shall not disclose that information

except to the Attorney General or County Attorney or by agreement of the Commission, or as otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Commission may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

I. Adjournment

SHERRY ANN AGUILAR, CITY CLERK, MMC

POSTED: March 4, 2022 at 10:30 AM

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**CITY OF SURPRISE
VETERANS, DISABILITY, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

February 9, 2022 / 6:00 PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
16000 North Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374**

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Perry called the Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Surprise City Hall, 16000 North Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on February 9, 2022.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

In attendance were Chair Perry, Vice-Chair Julie Kent-Partridge, Commissioners Shawna Daigle, Phillip Lair, Steffen Hanzel, Lisa Everett, Gwen Mendez, John Billcheck, Harrylouis Rodriguez, and Nickolas Kupper.

Absent: Jason Cooper (excused).

STAFF PRESENT:

Human Service & Community Vitality Director Seth Dyson, Neighborhood Services Supervisor Adam Lane, and Human Service & Community Vitality Administrative Specialist Karina Caraveo were present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

None.

C. CURRENT EVENTS REPORT

Chair Perry reported on the following upcoming events:

- Family Valentine's Dance
 - Sierra Montana Recreation Saturday, February 12th 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Valentine's Happy Hearts Celebration
 - Surprise Senior Center Monday, February 14th at 10:00 a.m.
- Surprise Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission Public Art Bus Tour
 - Wednesday, February 16th 9:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.
- Surprise City Academy
 - Monday, February 28th 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- 4th Annual Surprise Spring Spring Training

- Residential Waste Cleanup Event.

Commissioner Hanzel shared with the commission that he attended the Special Olympics Regional Basketball Tournaments.

Commissioner Everett stated her employer is currently seeking Veterans affiliated organizations to donate to, and are expected to carry through with donations in late April.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced there will be a Veteran Job Fair on February 17th at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale.

D. STAFF REPORT

Director Seth Dyson reported the following:

- Senior Center will be closed 2/22 – 2/25
- Increase in CAP applications
- Veterans Success Center
- VITA Volunteer Program
- Job Fair – 2/16/22 at SRC
- SYC Recruitment now open
- Boards and Commission vacancies
- City Academy registration open
- PIT Count
- MSW Position submitted for FY23 budget consideration

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC HEARING:

Item 1 – Citywide – Consideration and discussion pertaining to the CDBG and HOME Needs Hearing for the Program 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Neighborhood Services Supervisor Adam Lane made the presentation.

Chair Perry opened the call to the public.

Call to the Public – Robert Sanders with Lutheran Social Services provided an overview of their program using some of CDBG funding.

Seeing no other commenters, Chair Perry closed the call to the Public.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

Item 2 – Citywide – Consideration and action pertaining to the approval of the January 13, 2022 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission special meeting minutes.

Commissioner Daigle moved to approve the January 13, 2022 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission special meeting minutes. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried with 10 Yes votes, 1 absent (Cooper).

Item 3 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the Valley View Community Food Bank.

Jesse Ramirez, founder and President spoke to the commission about Valley View Community Food Bank.

Item 4 – Citywide – Discussion and action pertaining to the establishment of a resource satellite hub in the Northwest Regional Library.

Cheryl Cyr spoke to the commission about the increase in need for services at the Northwest Regional Library.

Mr. Dyson asked the commission to support the establishment of a resource satellite hub in the Northwest Regional Library.

Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve support of the establishment of resource satellite hub in the Northwest Regional Library at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Commissioner Hanzel seconded the motion. Motion carried with 10 Yes votes, 1 absent (Cooper).

Item 5 – Citywide – Discussion pertaining to a Surprise-area behavioral health summit.

Chair Perry recommended bringing partners together to discuss the behavioral health resources that are available in the community. Commissioner Mendez felt that the need is high and agreed to bringing in the different resources available in the city. Vice-Chair Kent-Partridge expressed the importance of raising awareness and discovering resources, and suggested a joint discussion between the partners and law enforcement.

Director Dyson pointed out that this had been brought up during the needs assessment, and would be a great fit if the commission opted to move forward. Commissioners Everett, Rodriguez, Mendez, and Vice-Chair Kent-Partridge volunteered to participate in a working group for this initiative.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Community Development Planning & Zoning Department
100 Club of Arizona
Adelante Healthcare
Arizona's Children Association
Circle the City

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dailgle made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission of February 9, 2022 at 8:08 p.m. Commissioner Hanzel seconded the motion. The motion carried with 10 Yes votes, 1 Absent (Cooper).

Seth Dyson
HSCV Director

Karissa Perry
Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission Chair

The foregoing instrument is a full, true, and correct copy of the original document on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Surprise, Arizona.

ATTEST BY:

Karina Caraveo, Commission Liaison

DATE:



CITY OF SURPRISE
Veterans, Disability and Human Services
Commission

Council Meeting Date: March 9, 2022 Contact Person:
Submitting Department: Human Svcs and Comm District: Citywide
Vitality
Staff Recommendations: None

Consent: No Regular: Yes Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Presentation and discussion pertaining to the services offered by the Airman & Family Readiness Center.

Motion:

None, discussion only.

Background:

Team Lead Senaida Larson will provide an overview of services offered by the Airman & Family Readiness Center.

Objective Analysis:

To promote quality of life, accessibility and equity for all residents of Surprise, including those who are veterans or who experience disabilities, through cooperation with Surprise residents and any veterans, disability and human service organizations that serve the residents of Surprise.

Policy Compliant:

This item is City and Council policy compliant.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

Budget Impact:

There is no budget impact associated with this item.

FTE Impact:

There is no FTE impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Airman & Family Readiness Center Main Slide



Airman & Family Readiness Center



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Hours

Monday – Friday, 0730-1630

7282 N. 137th Ave, Bldg 1113 ■ Phone: 623-856-6550

Programs & Services

Air Force Aid Society
Casualty Assistance Rep/SBP
Discovery Resource Center/Computer Lab
Family Readiness
Employment
Exceptional Family Member Program
Information & Referral

Relocation Assistance
Personal Financial Readiness
Personal & Work Life
School Liaison Officer
Transition Assistance
Volunteer
Voting Assistance

Additional Services

Military & Family Life Counselor
AMVETS National Service Officers

Personal Financial Counselor
VA Benefits Advisor



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Agenda Wording:

Presentation and discussion pertaining to Project Connect in Surprise.

Motion:

None, discussion only.

Background:

This event allows individuals and families to receive health, financial stability, and housing by bringing service providers to one location.

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Update and discussion pertaining to the "Servants of Surprise" (SOS) program.

Motion:

None, discussion only.

Background:

Through the course of a two-day strategic planning session, the commission identified the need for a volunteer resource ambassador program, tentatively titled the "Servants of Surprise" or S.O.S. program, which would help to communicate the resources available to residents in need. HSCV staff were tasked with creating a framework for this program, and plan for eventual deployment to the public. This item has been placed on the agenda to allow an opportunity for staff to provide an update.

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