

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

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 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.

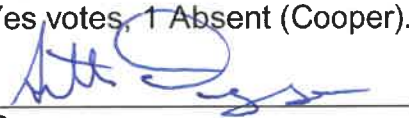
Director Dyson pointed out that this had been brought up during the needs assessment, and would be a great fit if the commission opted to move forward. Commissioners Everett, Rodriguez, Mendez, and Vice-Chair Kent-Partridge volunteered to participate in a working group for this initiative.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

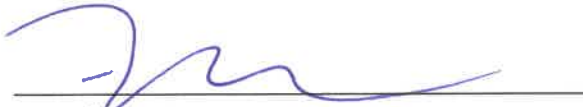
Community Development Planning & Zoning Department
100 Club of Arizona
Adelante Healthcare
Arizona's Children Association
Circle the City

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).



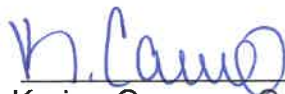
Seth Dyson
HSCV Director



Julie Kent-Partridge
Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission Vice-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:

