

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

MEETING MINUTES-APPROVED

May 12, 2021 / 6:00 PM

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

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Karissa 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 May 12, 2021.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

In attendance were Chair Karissa Perry, and Commissioners John Billcheck, Shawna Daigle, Steffen Hanzel, Julie Kent-Partridge, and Gwen Mendez.

Absent: Vice-Chair Andrew Witzel (excused), Jason Cooper (excused), Bruce Hertzog (unexcused).

STAFF PRESENT:

Human Service & Community Vitality Administrator Danielle Osborne, Assistant City Attorney Hobie Wingard, and Administrative Specialist Karina Caraveo were present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. CURRENT EVENTS REPORT

Chair Perry reported on the following upcoming events:

- Gaines Youth Ball Field Dedication
 - 5/15/2021 at 9 am
- Surprise Libraries
 - Open for full browsing access
- Day of Service on May 26th and June 23rd
 - Contact Larry Garcia at 623-222-1522
- Memorial Day Ceremony
 - Ceremony on 5/29/2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Surprise Community Park
 - City offices will be closed on May 31st

Commissioner Rodriguez reported on the following event:

- Coffee for Vets
 - 5/29/2021
- West Valley Surprise Stand Down
 - 10/9/2021 at the Techcelerator

D. STAFF REPORT

Administrator Danielle Osborne reported the following:

- Quarterly Veterans Roundtable
- Surprise Resource Center Roundtable
- Two vacancies
- Senior Center re-opening
- SCOP presentations
- Maricopa Association of Governments presentation on homeless outreach efforts – Council Work Session, June 1st

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC HEARING:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

Item 1 – Citywide – Consideration and action pertaining to the approval of the April 14, 2021 Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Hanzel made a motion to approve the April 14, 2021 Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Billcheck seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 yes votes, 3 Absent (Witzel, Cooper & Hertzog) 2 vacancies.

Item 2 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to Child & Family Resources regarding Parents as Teachers Early Intervention programs.

Program Director Tina Oluyi made the presentation to the Commission.

Item 3 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the expansion of the West Military & Veteran Success Center to the City of Surprise.

Human Service & Community Vitality Administrator Danielle Osborne made the presentation to the Commission.

Item 4 – Citywide – Discussion and possible action pertaining to the 2021 Care & Share Expo.

Chair Perry shared with the Commission that the working group met to start planning the 2021 Care & Share Expo event. She asked the Commission on their thoughts about holding this event during the Veterans Day Celebration and to make a motion for the expense that would be made.

Commissioner Hanzel advised he understands the reasoning behind the fact of holding this event during Veterans Day but has some mixed feelings about holding this event on Veterans Day.

Commissioner Mendez agreed with Commissioner Hanzel, she added this may take from the celebrating of the Veterans.

Ms. Osborne advised the Commission that there was a notice sent out to vendors who participated during last Care & Share Expo asking for availability during Veterans Day.

Commissioner Daigle made a motion to approve the budget for 2021 Care & Share Expo. Commissioner Hanzel seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 yes votes, 3 Absent (Witzel, Cooper & Hertzog), 2 vacancies.

Item 5 – Citywide – Discussion pertaining to the establishment of a recognition program sponsored by the VDHS Commission.

Commissioner Hanzel shared with the Commission he is envisioning a recognition program to reward individuals and organizations who have gone over and above the call of duty. He added the recognitions would go to those who offer support to Veterans and to the disabled.

Commissioner Daigle suggested recognition to those who are going into the services.

Commissioner Rodriguez mentioned having nominations or letter of recommendations to recognize individuals.

Ms. Osborne advised that staff would do some research on what other cities are doing as a recognition program and bring in front of the Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Commissioner Daigle – Mark Lee Post Office renaming.
- Commissioner Kent-Partridge – Work for Warriors presentation.
- Commissioner Rodriguez – Vet Link Foundation presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Daigle made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission of May 12, 2021 at 7:09 p.m. Commissioner Hanzel seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 yes votes, 3 Absent (Witzel, Cooper & Hertzog), 2 vacancies.



Danielle Osborne
HSCV Administrator



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:

