

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

MEETING MINUTES-APPROVED

March 10, 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 March 10, 2021.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

In attendance were Chair Karissa Perry and Commissioners Jason Cooper, Shawna Daigle, Steffen Hanzel, Bruce Hertzog, Julie Kent-Partridge, Harrylouis Rodriguez, George Van de Langeryt (2 Vacancies).

Absent: Vice-Chair Andrew Witzel (excused).

STAFF PRESENT:

Human Service & Community Vitality Director Seth Dyson, Human Service & Community Vitality Administrator Danielle Osborne, Assistant City Attorney Hobie Wingard, Administrative Specialist Karina Caraveo, Human Services Supervisor Jennifer Griffin, Community Engagement Partner Lord Garcillano and Financial Analyst-Sr. Deb Perry were present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

C. CURRENT EVENTS REPORT

Chair Perry reported on the following upcoming events:

- Day of Service on March 20th, March 31st & April 24th
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program
- Virtual Eggstravaganza
- Mayor State of the City Event on April 13th

D. STAFF REPORT

Administrator Danielle Osborne reported the following:

- VDHS Strategic Plan Booklet
- Resource Link to HOAs
- Resource Rack Card updated

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Chair Perry opened the call to the public to discuss any items not on the agenda.

Hearing none, Chair Perry closed the call to the public.

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 February 10, 2021 Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Van de Langeryt made a motion to approve the February 10, 2021 Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Hanzel seconded the motion. The motion carried with 8 yes votes, 1 Absent (Witzel), 2 Vacancies.

Item 2 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the Fresh Start Women’s Foundation.

Volunteer and Outreach Manager Ashley Finch made the presentation to the Commission.

Item 3 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion to issued identified by the VDHS Strategic Plan, including efforts by VDHS working groups to structure a Master of Social Work (MSW)/Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) internship program, to structure a resource ambassador program (Servants of Surprise), to organize a Care & Share Expo, to identify and advocate additional transit programs for the City, to identify and structure job readiness programs, and to structure satellite hubs to increase accessibility for City resources.

Ms. Osborne made the presentation to the Commission.

Item 4 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the “Servants of Surprise” (SOS) programs.

Ms. Osborne made the presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Cooper advised a bi-annual recognition. Human Services Supervisor Jennifer Griffin agreed.

Commissioner Hanzel suggested utilizing the VDHS Commission in early phases to test out the curriculum. Ms. Osborne

Commissioner Rodriguez asked for clarification on the program setting. Ms. Osborne advised there would be ambassadors to assist at various locations in the city.

Item 5 – Citywide – Discussion pertaining to the Workforce Development training program and VDHS Commission efforts to identify and structure job rediness programs.

Chair Perry asked those in favor to table item due to Vice-Chair Witzel unavailability to present.

Commissioner Hanzel made a motion to table item. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried with 8 yes votes, 1 Absent (Witzel), 2 Vacancies.

Item 6 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to a Veterans landing page on the City of Surprise website.

Ms. Osborne asked for the Commission's feedback on what to consider on the landing page.

Commissioner Van de Langeryt suggested to tie in the VA through this website.

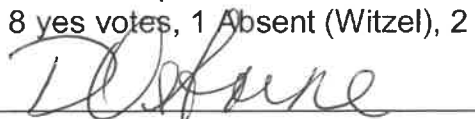
Commissioner Rodriguez suggested a Veterans Standown link, Ms. Osborne added she will get clarification on what links may or may not be able to incorporate on the City of Surprise website. Commissioner Rodriguez added the AZ Coalition for Military Families, Chair Perry agreed this would be a good link to add.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Ms. Osborne – Workforce Development, presentation on Annual Action Plan by HUD.

ADJOURNMENT:

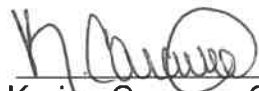
Commissioner Hanzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission of March 10, 2021 at 6:57 p.m. Commissioner Van de Langeryt seconded the motion. The motion carried with 8 yes votes, 1 Absent (Witzel), 2 Vacancies.


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:

4/14/21