

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

MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2020 / 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER.

Chair George Van de Langeryt 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 November 13, 2019.

A. ROLL CALL

In attendance were Chair George Van de Langeryt, Vice-Chair Karissa Perry and, Commissioners Larry Brown, Kathryn Chandler, Shawna Daigle, Steffen Hanzel, Bruce Hertzog, Dan Moore, Tom Short, and Andrew Witzel.

STAFF PRESENT:

Human Service & Community Vitality Director Seth Dyson, Community Partnerships Manager Paul Bernardo and Commission Liaison Yvonne Lopez were present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CURRENT EVENTS REPORT

Chair Van de Langeryt announced the following upcoming events:

- Surprise Fine Art & Wine Festival
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration□
- Sunday in the Park Food Truck Festival
- Surprise Pops Band Concert
- Adaptive Art Class by WHAM

D. STAFF REPORT

Community Partnerships Manager Paul Bernardo gave a follow up on future agenda items that have been requested by Commission members. Resource navigation will be addressed during the strategic planning process, along with all other recommendations from the needs assessment. The City of Surprise has an opportunity to bring Veteran resource navigation to Surprise through Be Connected. He had a meeting with Chris Boyd and Code Enforcement on the issue regarding accessible parking and will be sending a

summary of the meeting. January 22, 2020, there will be a tour of FirstPlace. He also asked Commissioners if they want to be on the working group for the Care & Share Expo.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Chair Van de Langeryt opened the call to the public to discuss any items, not on the agenda.

Hearing none, Chair Van del Langeryt closed the call to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

Item 1 – Internal – Consideration and action pertaining to the December 11, 2019 Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Daigle made a motion to approve the December 11, 2019 Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Hanzel seconded the motion. The motion passed with ten yes votes.

Item 2 – Citywide - Presentation and discussion pertaining to an overview of the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (IHELP).

Robert Sanders, Regional Director, and Beth Rogers, Program Coordinator from the Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, presented item 2 to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the following:

- Emergency Services
- Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program
- Referral Information
- Volunteer Opportunities

Item 3 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to Arizona at Work and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Andrew Witzel, Workforce Development Coordinator, from the Arizona @ Work, presented item 3 to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the following:

- Job Seeker Services
- Employer Services
- Vital Industries
- Training Services
- Hiring Events

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The Commission had an open discussion regarding items they would like added to future agendas. Items included:

- Cancer Support Resources
- Surprise Care and Share & Expo
- Disability Friendly Proclamation

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Chair Van de Langeryt adjourned the Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Paul Bernardo
Community Partnerships Manager

George Van de Langeryt
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:

Yvonne Lopez, Commission Liaison

DATE:
