

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 13, 2019 / 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, Andrew Witzel, and Tom Short. Commissioner Jacob Thomas, Bruce Hertzog, and Dan Moore were absent.

**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:

- The 18th annual Surprise Spring Training season
- The Surprise Police will host a Bike Rodeo
- Sunday in the Park Food Truck Festival
- Surprise Party
- Veterans Reflection Circle
- Surprise Career Fair

**D. STAFF REPORT**

Staff Liaison Yvonne Lopez stated the SciTech Festival, which was held on November 2; it had approximately 1,400 participants and 63 exhibitors. This event was for all ages, and it turned out great.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

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

Jeanne Frizzell, a resident, spoke to the Commission regarding the parking lot off of Dysart & Greenway by AMC Theater and Uptown Alley. The ADA accessible parking alley space is not painted correctly and there is not any additional signage for that space; therefore, she had been blocked in on two separate occasions. The parking lot is private property but she wanted to bring it to the Commissions' attention so it may be addressed by code enforcement.

Hearing no further comments, 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 October 09, 2019 Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission Meeting minutes.**

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the October 09, 2019 Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Daigle seconded the motion. The motion passed with eight yes votes.

### **Item 2 – Citywide - Presentation and discussion pertaining to an overview of VetLink Foundation.**

Mr. Harry Louis Rodriguez and Mr. Gerard Rodriguez, presented itema 2 to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the following:

- AZ Cyberwarfare Range
- Hands-on cybersecurity training.
- CompTIA Certification

### **Item 3 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to an overview Surprise Fire-Medical Behavioral Health Services.**

Battalion Chief Jesus Rivera, from Surprise Fire-Medical, presented item 3 to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the following:

- Community Medicine
- Behavioral Health Services
- Paramedicine

### **Item 4 – Citywide – Consideration and action pertaining to acceptance of the Surprise Human Services 2019 Community Needs assessment and recommendation of presentation to City Council.**

Human Service & Community Vitality Director Seth Dyson and Dr. Lisa Zorita, presented item 4 to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the following:

- Prioritizing the recommendations
- Funding for implementation

Vice-Chair Perry made a motion to accept the final report of the Surprise Human Services 2019 Community Needs Assessment and recommend presentation to the Surprise City Council for review and discussion. Commissioner Daigle seconded the motion. The motion passed with eight yes votes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

- Resource Center Navigation
- 2020 Care & Share Expo

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business, Chair Van de Langeryt adjourned the Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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Paul Bernardo  
Community Partnerships Manager

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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:

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Yvonne Lopez, Commission Liaison

DATE:

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