

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

MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 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 April 10, 2019.

A. ROLL CALL

In attendance were Chair George Van de Langeryt, Vice Chair Jacob Thomas, and Commissioners Shawna Daigle, Steffen Hanzel, Kathryn Chandler, Tom Short, Karissa Perry and Andrew Witzel. Commissioners Dan Moore, Bruce Hertzog, and Krista Watson were absent.

STAFF PRESENT:

Human Service & Community Vitality Director Seth Dyson, Community Partnerships Manager Paul Bernardo, Assistant City Attorney Hobie Wingard, Human Service & Community Vitality Manager Joe Gladieux, Neighborhood Services Supervisor Adam Lane, Planner Hobart Wingard, Sr., Financial Analyst Deb Perry and Commission Liaison Yvonne Lopez

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CURRENT EVENTS REPORT

Chair Van de Langeryt announced the following upcoming events:

- Veterans Bridge Naming Event, will be held on April 26 1 p.m. at Surprise Marketplace Target parking lot, 13731 W. Bell Rd. Governor Ducey, Mayor Hall and City Council will be in attendance.
- Veteran's Affairs Northwest Clinic will be hosting the 9th Annual VA2K Run on May 15, 2019 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at 13985 W. Grand Ave Ste 101 Parking lot.
- The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Star Chapter 24, along with Golden Corral Restaurant, will be holding a fundraising event during the month of April at the Golden Corral on Litchfield and Grand Avenue in order to raise funds to send military children to summer camp.
- On April 12, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medicare on the Move will be hosting onsite resource and enrollment assistance at the Military and Veteran Success

Center West, located on 1153 W. Lightning Street Luke AFB, AZ. Base access is not required. Call 480-384-9874 to RSVP as space is limited.

D. STAFF REPORT

Community Partnerships Manager Paul Bernardo acknowledged Mr. Harry Louis Rodriguez, managing partner of the nonprofit of Vet Link Solutions, who was in attendance. Staff and Commissioner Witzel have met with Mr. Rodriguez and advised that staff is working with him on presenting information to the Commission.

The Resource Fair Working group held their first meeting, focusing on what the resource fair would entail. Updates should be available for the Commission at the next meeting.

Community Partnerships Manager Paul Bernardo and Commission Liaison Yvonne Lopez will be attending the Arizona Coalition for Military Families, Statewide Symposium and will share information with Commission at the May meeting.

Department of Economic Security, Division of Developmental Disabilities is hosting a series of ten forums throughout the state of Arizona through the month of May. City of Surprise will host a forum on May 21, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

E. VETERANS, DISABILITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

Vice Chair Thomas, mentioned a Deaf Community Block Party on April 13, 2019, starting at 2:30 p.m. at 12741 North 140th Avenue in Surprise. Ideal for deaf families, children of deaf adults, hearing families with deaf children and signers.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Mr. Dan Reilly, resident and Veteran, spoke to the Commission regarding asking local businesses to offer veteran discounts and veteran recognition. Mr. Riley also mentioned he was the person who put in the request for the renaming of Bell Rd Bridge.

Mr. John Yaeger, resident, spoke to the Commission regarding a recommendation to purchase ADA wheelchair swings for Dream Catcher Park. The wheelchairs swings are designed to accommodate adults, children and motorized wheelchairs

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 November 14, 2018 Disability Advisory Commission Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Chandler made a motion to table the November 14, 2018, Disability Advisory Commission Meeting minutes to the May 8, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Hanzel seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven yes votes.

Item 2 – Internal - Consideration and action pertaining to the March 13, 2019 Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Hanzel made a motion to approve the March 13, 2019 Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Witzel seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven yes votes.

Item 3 – Citywide - Presentation and discussion pertaining to the Social Security Income and Social Security Disability Income benefits.

Community Partnerships Manager Paul Bernardo introduced Eric Slepian Esq for Slepian & Smith Law Firm.

Eric Slepian presented item 3 to the Commission. He gave an overview of disability benefits for insured workers, Disability for individuals without Insured Status (Supplemental Security Income-SSI), definition of disability and who is eligible, challenges, statistics, breakdown of the application process, processing delays, disability and Medicare coverage.

Commission Witzel asked when the application is being reconsidered for approval does the same examiner do the review or is it someone different. Mr. Slepian indicated that usually it is the same claim examiner but their decisions are based on medical input that is obtained from different Physicians on staff.

Item 4 – Citywide - Presentation and discussion pertaining to the scope of work for the community needs assessment.

Human Service & Community Vitality Department Director Seth Dyson presented item 4 to the Commission.

Director Dyson gave the Commission the information pertaining to the scope of work that has been drafted. He also added a five-year plan and annual plan for US Housing and Urban Development Community Block Grant. Director Dyson introduced Human Service & Community Vitality Manager Joe Gladieux and Neighborhood Services Supervisor Adam Lane as two of the key personnel in the working with the Community Development Block Grant program.

Commissioner Chandler asked how the selection process will be handled for obtaining the consultant for the Needs Assessment. Director Dyson explained that a formal request for proposal is not needed and informal solicitation will be done by the City staff and the procurement team will help to identify the proper firm.

Commissioner Short asked if any other similar Community Needs Assessments have been done before and what the outcomes where. Director Dyson gave the commission examples

of community needs assessments with different scopes that have been completed by Tempe, Phoenix, which are positive examples but there are some examples that are negative.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Chair Van de Langeryt adjourned the Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission meeting at 6:51 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: _____