

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

November 9, 2022 / 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Kent-Partridge 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 9, 2022.

ROLL CALL

In attendance were Chair Julie Kent-Partridge, Commissioners Phillip Lair, Jennifer Quintero, Gwen Mendez, John Billcheck, Nickolas Kupper, Shawna Daigle, and Allison Wisniewski. (2 Vacancies)

Absent: Steffen Hanzel (excused).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STAFF PRESENT:

Human Service & Community Vitality Administrator Danielle Osborne, Human Service & Community Vitality Community Engagement Partner Lord Garcillano and Human Service & Community Vitality Assistant Director Deb Perry.

CURRENT EVENTS REPORT

Chair Kent-Partridge reported on the following upcoming events:

- Healthcare & Medical Hiring Event
 - Wednesday, November 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - West-Mec Northwest Campus
- Adaptive Family Friendsgiving Party
 - Thursday, November 17th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - Sierra Montana Recreation Center
- Surprise Founder's Day Party
 - Saturday, December 3rd from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - Surprise Recreation Campus
- Deck the Hock
 - Thursday, December 8th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Surprise Senior Center
- SciTech Festival
 - Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - Mark Coronado Park

- City Offices Closed
 - Friday, November 11th
 - In observance of Veterans Day
- Adaptive Sports Family Field Day
 - Saturday, November 12th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - Radiant Church 15522 W. Paradise Ln.
- Harrylouis Rodriguez has stepped down from the commission.

Commissioner Quintero reported on the following upcoming events:

- Healing of Memories Workshop for Veterans
 - Friday, November 18th through Sunday, November 20th
 - Spirit in The Desert 7415 E. Elbor Bend Carefree, AZ. 85377

Commissioner Wisniewski reported on the following upcoming events:

- American Legion Riders Post 96 Annual Spaghetti Dinner
 - Saturday, November 12th from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 - A New Leaf Riverboat Bingo Hall 18300 W. Bell Rd.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Danielle Osborne reported the following:

- The HSCV Department is seeking sponsors, performers, art contest submissions, and community service volunteers for the 7th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Celebration and Service, to be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. More details regarding each category are available online at surpriseaz.gov.
- 8th Annual Veterans Day Parade on Friday, November 11th begins at 10 a.m. along Bullard Ave. between Paradise and Tierra Buena Ln. Breakfast will be available for purchase between 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. at the Surprise Stadium in the centerfield plaza.

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 October 19, 2022 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Daigle moved to approve the October 19, 2022 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mendez 2nd. 8 Yes votes. 1 Absent (Hanzel). 2 vacancies. Motion carried.

Item 2 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the services offered by the Dysart Community Center.

Executive Director Annie Ansell made the presentation to the commission.

Item 3 – Citywide – Presentation pertaining to the Surprise SciTech Festival by Community Engagement Partner Lord Garcillano.

Community Engagement Partner Lord Garcillano made the presentation to the commission.

Item 4 – Citywide – Discussion pertaining to the VDHS Commission's participation in G.A.I.N. Night 2022.

Ms. Osborne provided an update on the G.A.I.N. Night event, and extended the Police Department's appreciation for the commission's support in hosting this event. She asked for the commission's feedback with regards to future participation.

Chair Kent-Partridge suggested having another table and more accessibility. Commissioner Lair agreed.

Commissioner Daigle suggested having adaptive resources available, and possibly hosting the event at the stadium for better accessibility to the resources.

After further discussion, the commission came to agree that they would recommend more accessibility and accommodations for disabled individuals, and that involvement from more volunteers would enhance the event. Ms. Osborne responded that she would bring the commission's suggestions to the Police Department.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

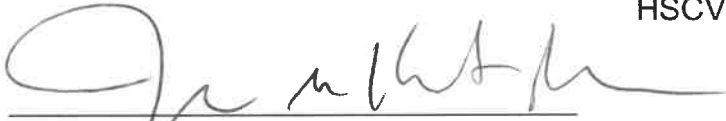
- Adult Protective Services

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Daigle made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission on November 9, 2022 at 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Kupper seconded the motion. The motion carried with 8 Yes votes. 1 Absent (Hanzel). 2 vacancies. Motion carried.



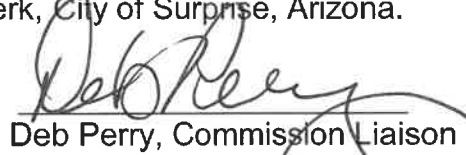
Danielle Osborne
HSCV Administrator



Julie Kent-Partridge
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:


Deb Perry, Commission Liaison

DATE:

12/15/22