

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2023 / 6:00 PM

**City Council Overflow Room
16000 North Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374**

CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Steffen Hanzel called the Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. at Surprise City Hall, 16000 North Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on August 29, 2023.

ROLL CALL

In attendance were Chair Steffen Hanzel, Vice-Chair Nickolas Kupper, Commissioners Julie Kent-Partridge, John Billcheck, and Shawna Daigle. Commissioner Gwen Maxfield arrived at 6:30 p.m. and Commissioner Phillip Lair arrived at 7:00p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STAFF PRESENT:

Human Service & Community Vitality Director Seth Dyson

CURRENT EVENTS REPORT

- None

STAFF REPORT

- None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS - PUBLIC HEARING:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

Item 1 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion on Arizona open meeting laws, conflicts of interest, and gifts.

Director Dyson made the presentation to the commission.

Item 2 – Citywide – Discussion and possible action regarding the Grand Marshal Nomination and selection process.

Commissioners discussed eligibility criteria of the grand marshal selection process, which resulted in the following direction:

- Nominations to open the 4th of July and remain open until Labor Day of each year
- A working group of the VDHS Commission will convene immediately after Labor Day to make recommendations to the full Commission, which should be heard in September of each year
- Nominations are preferred to have a Surprise connection
- Nominations should be connected to Veterans somehow
- Commission to establish rubric for future selection processes
- Press release highlighting the grand marshal and their background is recommended
- Commissioners cannot nominate
- No self nominations allowed
- Grand Marshal shall not have received the Individual Community Legend Award within the past three years
- Grand Marshal can be a future Community Legend recipient

Item 3 – Discussion pertaining to the Veterans, Disability & Human Service Commission's Strategic Plan.

Commission discussed the current strategic plan, what they'd like to keep and what they would like to change. Robust conversation occurred and a decision to reconvene was made at the end of the item to a date which is TBD.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Future business request: Bring in a Luke AFB Commander/Representative to present to the Commission their greatest needs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chair Kupper made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission on August 29, 2023 at 9:35 p.m. Commissioner Maxfield seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 Yes votes.



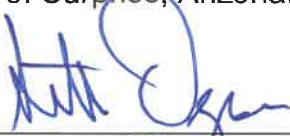
Seth Dyson
HSCV Director



Steffen Hanzel
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:



Seth Dyson, HSCV Director

DATE:

