



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Monday, December 17, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.
Surprise City Hall – Council Chambers
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, Arizona 85374

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hernandez called the meeting to order at the Surprise City Hall, Council Chambers, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 6:00pm.

A. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance with Chair Hernandez were Vice Chair Yaeger, and Commissioners Cline, Jones, Kaiser, Lewis and Winters.

Staff in attendance: Joe Gladieux, Adaptive Recreation Supervisor; Michael Mason, Risk Manager; Ricka Gallagher, Risk Analyst.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Chair Hernandez and Commissioners Lewis, Cline, Jones and Kaiser had nothing to report.

Vice Chair Yaeger reported the following:

- He attended the Arts & Recreation Commission meeting. He would like the commission to consider having a kiosk or booth at the upcoming "Arts is Alive" event.
- He also recently met with Jessica Blazina, Grants Coordinator. She has been updated on the status of the commission's pending grant application for the automatic library doors.

Commissioner Winters reported the following:

- He thanked everyone involved in televising the DAC regular meetings. This is the first televised DAC meeting and he hopes televising the DAC meetings reaches a critical segment of the citizenry that would otherwise not be able to participate.

- He addressed the Mayor and Council at the December 4, 2012 Council meeting about the rampant abuse of accessible parking placards. He would like to see this issue as an agenda item for a future DAC meeting.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Gallagher provided the following items:

- Grant Update – The grant application has been submitted and Ms. Blazina is awaiting the results.
- Use of Signers at Meetings – Sherry Aguilar, City Clerk, submitted a survey to city clerks across Arizona inquiring if any city/town uses signers for Council and/or commission meetings. The results are that it is standard that cities do not automatically provide signers at meetings; rather signers are used upon request only.
- Adaptive Recreation Activities Update – A summary was given of the adaptive recreation events Joe Gladieux, Adaptive Recreation Supervisor, is currently working on.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Hernandez opened the call to the public to discuss any issues not noted on the agenda. The following citizens addressed the commission:

- Councilman Woodard – is happy to see all the great strides the DAC has made over the last couple years, especially televising the DAC meetings.

Having no other public comments, Chair Hernandez closed the call to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Discuss and approve “Above & Beyond” award template then presentation by Disability Advisory Commissioners of the “Above & Beyond” Award to the Vice President/Branch Manager of Chase Bank, 17173 W. Bell Rd., for installing automatic opening exterior doors at this branch.

Motion to approve award template – Commissioner Winters; seconded – Commissioner Cline. APPROVED 7/0.

The commission presented the first “Above & Beyond” plaque to Mr. Steve Miller, Vice President of this branch, for making his bank branch more accessible.

Item #2: Presentation by Mr. Ron Brown with the Peoria Lions Club about Camp Tatiyee, a free summer camp for individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Brown previously made this presentation to the DAC last summer. However, the DAC requested him to present it again since the meetings are now televised to increase public awareness about this camp.

Item #3: Presentation by Connie Whitlock, President and Founder of WHAM, about the 2nd Annual "Arts is Alive in Surprise" event she is coordinating in April 2013.

Ms. Whitlock made a presentation about her upcoming event in April and the various ability-related activities that will be a integral part of that event. She is looking forward to collaborating with the DAC to increase public awareness about the event and embrace inclusivity. The DAC is welcome to participate and will be given a table at the event.

Item #4: Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the Supplemental Budget Recommendation Form regarding request for committee funding in the 2013 budget.

Commissioner Cline suggested this item be examined further at the upcoming DAC Work Sessions, January 7, 2013 and January 14, 2013. Vice Chair Yaeger agreed this item be included along with discussion about the DAC Annual Work Plan at the January DAC Work Sessions.

Item #5: Consider, discuss and possible completion of DAC Annual Work Plan.

Commissioner Cline suggested the Annual Work Plan consist of historical background, accomplishments since 2010 (when the Plan was last presented to Council), and future plans the DAC wishes to accomplish.

Item #6: Discussion, consideration and possible action to place items on future agendas.

Agenda items planned for the January 7, 2013 and January 14, 2013 DAC Work Sessions are:

- Annual Work Plan and Action Plan
- Budget Recommendation Form
- Presentation of above two items to Council (if necessary)
- WHAM Event partnership/collaboration ideas

Agenda items planned for the January 23, 2013 Regular DAC meeting:

- AZ Association of Deaf & Hard of Hearing presentation
- Accessible parking placard abuse enforcement options
- Approval of Annual Work Plan and Budget Recommendation Form
- Strategic Plan components and assignments for implementation
- Grant update

Item #7: Consider and approve November 19, 2012 regular meeting minutes

Motion to approve – Commissioner Winters; seconded – Vice Chair Yaeger. APPROVED 7/0.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

Michael E. Mason

Michael E. Mason, Risk Manager