



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, August 21, 2013 – 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, August 21, 2013 at 6:09 pm.

A. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance with Chair Hernandez were Vice Chair Yaeger and Commissioners Lewis and Stutzman.

Absent: Commissioners Jones and Kaiser.

Staff in attendance: Chris Tovar, Police Officer; Michael Mason, Risk Manager; Ricka Gallagher, Risk Analyst.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Chair Hernandez and Commissioner Lewis had nothing to report.

Vice Chair Yaeger reported he completed the survey and will explain this in more detail when Item #2 is open for discussion. He also found the census statistics show there is a need to get information out to those in the community with special needs about the DAC and available programs in a more efficient and effective manner.

Commissioner Stutzman reported that Jumpstreet, an indoor trampoline facility, recently held a "Disabilities Day". The venue was open just to families or individuals with special needs, and was such a success they plan on having more events in the future.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Gallagher provided the commissioners copies of the following information:

- Census statistics – Census demographic breakdowns of Surprise citizens with disabilities.
- Pima County Inclusive Home Design Ordinance – Housing building/visitability requirements.
- Home Builders of Arizona – Visitability programs.

- CRS activities – Update of the adaptive recreational activities currently happening or planned in the next two or so months.

Ms. Gallagher also reported on the following:

- Surprise Library automatic restroom doors grant – More detail was provided about why the DAC grant was not approved.
- DAC webpage/Facebook page – The City is currently reviewing and revising its policies. The policy pertaining to social media is under review. It is likely that it won't be available for discussion until October.
- Closed Captioning – This meeting is the first meeting where closed captioning is available via Cable Channel 11 or through the archived meetings on the City's internet page.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Hernandez opened the call to the public. The following citizens requested to speak:

Roland Winters – suggested the DAC award Alex Galvez, Manager, and Digiplex Theaters the "Above & Beyond" award for installing automatic doors.

Andy Cepon – suggested DAC members go before the Council for funding to install automatic library doors since the DAC grant application for this project was denied.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Briefing and discussion about various Police Department programs available for at-risk juveniles and special needs children faced with confrontation from others.

Officer Tovar explained crime prevention programs the Police Department employs to educate and mentor youth in the community and schools.

Item #2: Discussion on methodology the DAC may utilize in order to seek input from citizens and promote ways to ask residents with special needs to complete the proposed "Effective Customer Service to People with Disabilities" survey on the City's website.

Vice Chair Yaeger would like the DAC to consider other methods to better get this survey to residents in the community with special needs that may not have computer access. Several options were suggested. Staff will check with management to find out the feasibility of the options suggested. It was also suggested that Ken Lynch be present next month to discuss this matter further. This item will be included on next month's agenda.

Item #3: Discussion and possible approval of content to be submitted for inclusion into the next quarterly Surprise Progress newsletter.

Commissioner Jones was not present, but Vice Chair Yaeger suggested one thing that could be included is the survey they just discussed. It was also suggested that Ken Lynch be present next month to discuss this matter further. This item will be included on next month's agenda.

Item #4: Discussion and approval of the 6.19.13 and 7.17.13 regular DAC meeting minutes.

Vice Chair Yaeger motioned to approve both meeting minutes; seconded Commissioner Stutzman. Motion passed 4/0.

Item #5: Discussion and possible action to place items on future agendas.

In addition to Items #2 and #3 from this meeting, other agenda items for next month are:

- Elections of DAC Chair and Vice Chair
- "Above & Beyond" Award nomination of Digiplex Theaters
- Discussion about funding for automatic library restroom doors
- Rocky Macy presentation on EFMP / STOMP program
- Commissioner Stutzman – presentation on MVD placard process

Ms. Gallagher reported she has been able to contact the National Federation of the Blind or AZ Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired as was requested in previous meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Cline officially resigned from the DAC on August 6, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:23pm.

Michael E. Mason

Michael E. Mason, Risk Manager