



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, March 20, 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, March 20, 2013 at 6:02pm.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Staff in attendance: David Kohlbeck, Public Works Assistant Director; Nichole Arbeiter, Planner II; Michael Mason, Risk Manager; Ricka Gallagher, Risk Analyst.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioners Jones and Kaiser had nothing to report.

Vice Chair Yaeger reported:

- He has not heard from the 911 communications center supervisor. He suspects the PD is still working on developing the database, but will follow up with PD.
- He discussed accessible parking enforcement with Commander Jim Gears of the PD. He would like Commander Gears to attend the April meeting, if possible, to explain the PD volunteer parking enforcement program.

Commissioner Lewis reported about an upcoming conference on May 4, 2013 for families and children with disabilities. The conference will offer healthcare, employment, recreational and other activities.

Commissioner Cline has been busy with the upcoming Relay for Life event scheduled for April 6, 2013.

Chair Hernandez reported:

- She met with Connie Whitlock of WHAM about the upcoming Arts is Alive event scheduled for April 6-7, 2013.
- She utilized the city's new Dial-a-Ride program and, overall, is pleased, but did have one issue - the driver did not arrive in the contracted 30 minute window.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Gallagher provided the following update items:

- Library Grant – Jessica Blazina, the City's Grant Coordinator, has not yet received any notification from the Grantor on the status of the City's pending application.
- DAC web page email – The City's DAC web page now includes a link to an email address for anyone wishing to contact the commission. The link goes directly to Mr. Mason and herself, and any correspondence will be disseminated accordingly.
- CRS Activities – An update of the adaptive recreational activities currently happening or planned.

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:

- Roland Winters – provided information about the Handicapped Travel Club weeklong rally they will be hosting in Surprise starting April 7th. He also commented on the effectiveness of the city's new Dial-a-Ride program, and suggested changes for those individuals who “no show” using the service.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Presentation by Disability Advisory Commission of the “Above & Beyond” Award to Surprise Family Karate, 16572 W. Greenway Road, #109, for sharing martial arts knowledge and empowering many students, especially those with special needs.

The commission presented the second “Above & Beyond” plaque to the Roeske family for empowering their students regardless of their abilities.

Item #2: Update on new Dial-a-Ride program.

Mr. Kohlbeck provided a quarterly update with statistics on ridership and costs of the new program. The program is more successful than originally thought. The costs are also coming in slightly higher than forecasted. Valley Metro is seeking additional grant funding to offset the additional costs which the City hopes will bridge the costs through the end of FY 14.

Item #3: Discussion and approval of any content suggestions/revisions to the proposed General Plan.

Ms. Arbeiter provided an update on the pending 2035 General Plan components to be approved by voters this fall relating to accessibility, visitability and zoning improvements.

Item #4: Discussion and approval of the informational material content the DAC table should contain at the upcoming WHAM "Arts is Alive" event, April 6-7, 2013.

After discussion, the commission developed the content for brochures to be handed out, and also determined the schedules of which commissioners will be representing the DAC at the event. The banner for the DAC table is available for use at events the DAC will be present at.

Item #5: Discussion and approval about implementation ideas on DAC Strategic Plan components.

After discussion, the commissioners decided upon the different components of the Strategic Plan each one would like to focus on and report back at future meetings. Vice Chair Yaeger would also like the commissioners to think about content for a general PowerPoint presentation to be used for DAC presentations at future meetings of others, such as HOA Academy. Commissioner Cline suggested the Marketing Department modify its public service announcement (PSA) loop on Cable 11 to include information about televised DAC meetings, since the PSA currently includes information about Planning & Zoning meetings being televised.

Item #6: Consider and approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/17/12, 1/23/13 and 2/20/13; consider and approve the work session minutes of 1/7/13 and 1/23/13.

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes – Commissioner Kaiser; seconded – Commissioner Cline. Approved 6/0. Motion to approve work session minutes – Commissioner Cline; seconded Commissioner Jones. Approved 6/0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Cline will co-present the DAC Annual Plan to Council with Chair Hernandez on April 2, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.

Michael E. Mason

Michael E. Mason, Risk Manager