City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, January 23, 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, January 23, 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: Michael Mason, Risk Manager; Ricka Gallagher, Risk Analyst.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

C. **CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS**

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

Commissioner Winters reported:

- That he is very pleased with the new Dial-a-Ride service the City recently switched to.

Vice Chair Yaeger reported:

- He learned from staff that there is no deadline for submitting articles to the *Surprise Progress* quarterly newsletter.

Commissioner Lewis reported:

- She clarified her intent behind mentioning the process for nominating a business/individual for the Above & Beyond Award.

- She personally thanked the AZ Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) for helping her with her hearing loss.

D. **STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Gallagher provided the following updates:

- Grant Update – In lieu of Jessica Blazina, Grants Coordinator, appearing before the DAC tonight for agenda item #2, Ms. Gallagher reported that the grant application has been received, but she has not yet heard back on the status.
- CART Services – Ms. Gallagher contacted Jacob Abramson, Senior Video Production Coordinator, to confirm if televised CART captioning is available for meetings. The City currently does not have the capability, but it is possible for CART to project onto the projection screens.
- Boards/Commission Meeting Date Changes – Because of Cable 11 conflicts, the April, July and October meetings need to be rescheduled to either one week earlier or one week later than the usually scheduled third Wednesday of the month.

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:

- Brittney Moore – praised Joe Gladieux and the City's Adaptive Recreation Division for providing recreational activities that are inclusive to everyone.

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 AZ Commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) about the organization and the services it provides

Beca Bailey with ACDHH gave a presentation about the organization and all the various services it provides.

Item #2: Presentation by Surprise Police Officer Jakob Wagemann on the laws that apply to accessible parking and enforcement.

Officer Wagemann explained the laws that exist for accessible parking placards, appropriate use of the placards, and who is authorized to use

the placards. He suggested that anyone who believes a violation of these laws is occurring to contact the Police Department for investigation if a pattern of abuse is noticed. Otherwise, the Police Civilian Patrol should be contacted for possible enforcement action.

Item #3: Discussion and possible approval of collaborative options between DAC and Connie Whitlock, President and Founder of WHAM, about the 2nd Annual "Arts is Alive in Surprise" event planned for April 2013 and possibly other future art-related events and activities specific to individuals with disabilities.

Ms. Whitlock provided an overview of the event, her public outreach efforts, and possible funding sources for the event.

Item #4: Review and discuss DAC Strategic Plan; approve division of Strategic Plan components between commissioners for implementation.

After discussion, two DAC work session meetings were scheduled to discuss this matter and Agenda Item #6 further – February 7, 2013 and February 11, 2013. The commissioners agreed to focus on the following areas of the Strategic Plan before the next meeting:

- Hernandez – emergency preparedness
- Yaeger – communications (web page, newsletter)
- Cline – financial solutions
- Jones – all sections to generate more ideas
- Kaiser – 911 registration and statistics of the city's disabled community percentages
- Lewis – all sections that impact those with hearing loss
- Winters – automatic door openers in all businesses in Surprise

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

Agenda items planned for February are:

- Connie Whitlock – "Art is Alive" event to be held April 6 & 7, 2013
- Nominations for future "Above & Beyond" Award recipients
- Closed captioning for televised meetings
- Content for the *Surprise Progress* newsletter and DAC webpage
- Strategic Plan component assignments

- Annual Work Plan & Budget Recommendation Form

Agenda items planned for months beyond February are:

- SPD/PFD – 911 handling of hearing impaired callers presentation
- AZ Tech. Access Program (AZTAP) presentation on the available technology for individuals with hearing impairment (April)
- Organization for individuals with low vision or blindness presentation on the services they provide (March or beyond) (Commissioner Cline to get formal organization name)
- Joe Gladieux - Adaptive Recreation update on recreation programs (April or May)

Item #6: Discussion and approval of DAC Annual Work Plan and Budget Recommendation Form.

This item will be discussed in a future work session meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mason provided the commissioners a handout from Valley Metro for comment about the upcoming rate changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 8:29pm.

Michael E. Mason
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Michael E. Mason, Risk Manager