



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, August 20, 2014 – 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 Yaeger called the meeting to order at the Surprise City Hall, Council Chambers, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 6:01pm.

A. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance with Chair Yaeger were Vice Chair Hernandez and Commissioners Jess and Stutzman. No vacancies currently exist on the DAC.

Absent: Commissioners Elkins, Kaiser and Nielsen.

Staff in attendance: Ricka Gallagher, Risk Analyst.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jess asked if the City has any plans to install a permanent pool lift at the community pool on Bullard. She recalled there used to be a portable lift there about 8 years ago, but she didn't notice a lift there recently.

Commissioner Stutzman reported that WINCO will have accessible shopping carts available for patrons who require them when it is open for business.

Vice Chair Hernandez had nothing to report.

Chair Yaeger reported he met with Tara Combs, Joe Gladieux and Travis Ashby about the Sun Dancers. Staff explained the steps they take before each event as it pertains to ADA accessibility. CRS goes above & beyond ADA requirements for accessible parking. However, staff agreed to include in their pre-event briefing process to provide the Sun Dancers maps of the various parking locations for each event. Parking maps will also be posted on the City's internet site.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Gallagher reported:

- A recruitment for an ADA position was held recently, but the position was rejected by the chosen applicant. The City will be evaluating the next best course of action to fill this position.
- The City's Communications Director, Ken Lynch, is no longer with the City. She will find out who is currently assuming his position.
- April Reynolds was recently promoted to Assistant City Manager, and the City has a new HR Director.
- In response to Commissioner Stutzman's question on accessible swings at City parks, CRS has recently installed a new accessible swing at the Community Park on Bullard. This swing is part of the playground which is completely ADA accessible.
- An update of CRS Adaptive Recreation events was provided.
- Information about a proposed change to the ADA regulations pertaining to close captioning at movie theaters.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Yaeger opened the call to the public. Barry Hegrenes introduced himself. He is the new Risk Manager for the City. Having nothing further, Chair closed the call to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Presentation of "Above & Beyond" award to Ms. Connie Whitlock, WHAM, for her service in providing adaptive recreation events and activities for individuals in the community with disabilities in the community.

Chair Yaeger presented the award to Ms. Whitlock.

Item #2: Discussion pertaining to the currently available publicity avenues of the DAC.

Chair Yaeger postponed this to the September meeting, but did request staff to arrange a meeting between a couple DAC commissioners and Ken Lynch's replacement before next month's meeting to discuss this subject face-to-face.

Item #3: Discussion and approval of the June 18, 2014 regular DAC meeting minutes.

Commissioner Stutzman motioned to approve; seconded Vice Chair Hernandez. Approved 4/0.

Item #4: Discussion and approval of items to be included on future DAC agendas.

The following non-standing items will be placed on the September agenda:

- Publicity avenues of DAC (Yaeger)
- DAC survey for publication (Yaeger)
- Parking, shopping carts and other private business-related issues (Stutzman & Elkins)
- Update of DAC Information PowerPoint & DAC Brochure (Hernandez)
- DAC Strategic Plan review (Hernandez & Yaeger)
- Budget for DAC promotional materials (Yaeger)
- CRS pool lift at Community Pool (Jess)

The following non-standing items will be placed on future agendas:

- ADA self evaluation (once proposed ADA position is filled)

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Yaeger adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm.

Ricka Gallagher

Ricka Gallagher, Risk Analyst