



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, March 19, 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, March 19, 2014 at 6:01pm.

A. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Vice Chair Hernandez and Commissioners Elkins and Kaiser

Staff in attendance: Ricka Gallagher, Risk Analyst.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

C. **CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Nielsen had nothing to report.

Commissioner Stutzman reported:

She attended a spring training game recently, and was very pleased with all the accessibility components.

Regarding the Sun Village community issues with pedestrian walkways that have been converted into golf pathways that she mentioned at the last DAC meeting - Can the DAC do anything to help resolve this issue with the HOA? Chair Yaeger will follow up with the citizens for more information.

Commissioner Jess asked if the DAC knows if communities are required to install entrance lifts for pools and spas. Chair Yaeger will visit her community to see if anything can be done.

Chair Yaeger reported:

Survey Monkey app – see Agenda Item #4 for more detail.

Surprise Swap Meet (4/12/14) – he was planning on attending this event but something has now come up and he is looking for volunteers to man the DAC table. He also plans on attending the upcoming WHAM Arts Festival to man the DAC table as well.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Gallagher followed up on the following items from the last meeting:

- Survey Monkey – Ken Lynch was contacted about using this app for the DAC survey. Ken has no problem using it, but reiterated the content of the survey and the best means to get the information to the proper audience is what is important.
- Dial-a-Ride Update – Dave Kohlbeck went before Council on January 21, 2014 with a presentation. His Powerpoint is available for viewing by accessing that Council meeting link. The main point in the presentation was a ridership cap is now in place for non-ADA individuals due to overwhelming demand.
- Quorum – The City Attorney explained that a quorum is based on “sitting members”, i.e., those present, and not on the number of appointed commission members.
- Parking at city events response – Joe Gladieux provided an explanation on pre-event steps and planning CRS staff take and the parking improvements made this year over previous years.

Ms. Gallagher provided the following reports:

- CRS Self-Evaluation – Joe Gladieux has completed more items on the list.
- Upcoming CRS Events – A listing of current or upcoming events was provided.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Yaeger opened the call to the public. Having none, Chair Yaeger closed the call to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Discussion and action pertaining to the nomination of “Above & Beyond” award to Arizona Traditions, 17221 N. Citrus Rd., Surprise, AZ, for installing three separate automatic door openers; presentation of “Above & Beyond” award to Julia Ricciardi, AZ Traditions Boardmember.

The DAC unanimously recommended the nomination. However, Ms. Ricciardi was not present so the presentation was tabled until the next meeting.

Item #2: Discussion and presentation pertaining to developing an Employment First Initiative in Arizona.

Ms. Brenda Renou and Mr. Mike Leyva presented information about this agency.

Item #3: Discussion about the Surprise Fire Department's 9-1-1 database use for responding to calls involving citizens with disabilities and practices the Fire Department employs in the case of a disaster or other large-scale emergency.

Chief Espie and Captain Hamblin were not present so this matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Item #4: Discussion and action pertaining to the content of the survey regarding same day trash pickup to possibly be included in the next edition of the *Surprise Progress* newsletter.

Chair Yaeger has concerns about same day pickup possibly being an undue burden for residents with mobility issues. Discussion ensued regarding the survey question wording. It was unanimously agreed that the question to be placed into the next edition of the newsletter is:

The City of Surprise will soon be changing its trash collection schedule to include both regular and recycling on the same day. Are you experiencing a disability which would make same day collection a challenge to you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

The DAC also would like a link to this question be on the City's main internet page and the DAC webpage.

Commissioner Jess mentioned that, in her community, the sanitation provider offers residents with mobility issues smaller sized cans. She will contact other sanitation providers that service Surprise to see if they also offer that same or similar service.

Item #5: Discussion and approval of the content and best way to disseminate DAC customer service survey.

Chair Yaeger still wants to have this survey, but is disappointed that the Fire Department database is not updated in order to send out a survey.

Item #6: Discussion and approval of the January 15, 2014 regular DAC meeting minutes.

Chair Yaeger requested a minor change be made that he spoke to Councilman Tande telephonically and not in person. Commissioner Nielsen motioned to approve with the change; seconded Commissioner Stutzman. Approved 4/0.

Item #7: Discussion and approval of items to be included on future DAC agendas.

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

- “Above & Beyond” Award presentation
- Chief Espie - Fire Department 9-1-1 database for disasters/emergencies
- Joe Gladieux – CRS self evaluation
- Joe Gladieux - Surprise Party parking issues and other DAC concerns
- Sanitation services available to residents with mobility issues

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Yaeger adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

Ricka Gallagher

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