



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 – 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 Poschner called the meeting to order at the Surprise City Hall, Council Chambers, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

A. **ROLL CALL**

Joseph Poschner, Chair – Present
Kymberlee Stutzman, Vice Chair – Present
Nicole Jeffords, Commissioner – Present
Paul Curtis, Commissioner – Present
John Yaeger, Commissioner – Absent
Linda Van Natter, Commissioner – Present
George Van de Langeryt, Commissioner - Present
Lynda Davis, Sr. HR Analyst-ADA Coordinator – Present

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Poschner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. **CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioners Van de Langeryt and Curtis had nothing to report.

Commissioner Jeffords advised she is a Member of the Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment; and as such, asked to join a committee for the development of the Statewide Plan for Independent Living. They are doing a State Needs Assessment and looking for feedback and she encourages anyone interested to fill out a Needs Assessment. Further, if interested in Public Information Sessions/Public Input Meetings currently scheduled on October 8th and 9th, 2015 across the State. For more information please call 602-262-2900; email: lea@azsilc.org (Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council).

September 10th through 13th, 2015 is the 66th Annual National Federation of the Blind State Convention held at Crowne Plaza at 25th Avenue and Peoria in Phoenix for anyone who is blind or interested in blindness issues. Phoenix Dial-

A-Ride will have direct service with West Valley Dial-A-Ride (no transfer necessary). Contact West Valley National Federation of the Blind President, Marc Schmidt at 602-758-0057.

Chair Poschner made a statement regarding driving on Bullard Avenue to please obey and follow the law.

Vice Chair Stutzman advised that there are two events coming up in the City of Surprise if anyone on the Commission would like to attend to hand out promotional items; (1) Gain Night (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) held by the City of Surprise Police and Fire Department on Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 from 6 to 9:00 pm at Surprise Acre Park; and (2) Surprise Fiesta Grande Celebration on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 2 to 10 pm at Hollyhock Street North of Grand Avenue.

Vice Chair Stutzman further advised the Commission regarding a Parkinson's article; updated Members regarding seven best apps and services to help individuals. For more information please refer to www.goodnet.org.

Commissioner Van Natter provided information regarding the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), a State Governmental Agency that is part of the Arizona Department of Economic Security. The DDD supports individuals that are born with or develop severe chronic disabilities prior to their 18th birthday. Children three years of age and under may be eligible under the Arizona Early Intervention Program. For more Information please refer to www.azdes.gov.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

D. STAFF REPORTS

Staff had nothing to report.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Presentation of the “Above & Beyond” Award to QT Stations for providing excellent customer service to patrons with disabilities.

Above & Beyond Award presented to Mike Chavez, Manager of QT Station(s) for providing excellent customer service to patrons with disabilities.

Item #2: Discussion pertaining to Commtech Services Remote Training.

Gabriel Vega, CEO of Commtech, LLC presented and provided information regarding computer software/hardware tech support, training and web development services to individuals with disabilities. Contact www.commtechusa.net or 602-888-0353 for more information.

Item #3: Discussion pertaining to Surprise Adaptive Sports programs.

Paul Frie, Division Manager of Adaptive Sports Programs with the City of Surprise updated Members of the City of Surprise Sport's Programs regarding Olympic sports, swimming, softball, buddy ball, soccer, flag football, basketball, tennis, cooking classes, arts and crafts, and special tree decorating. For more information regarding the programs, please contact the City of Surprise Community Recreation Services at 623-222-2000.

Item #4: Discussion pertaining to making arrangements for experts in disability related topics to speak at local Libraries.

Commissioner Jeffords requested this item be tabled to a future meeting until further notice.

Item #5: Discussion and/or action pertaining to Cross Disabilities Children's Programming.

Commissioner Jeffords reported on behalf of Commissioner Yaeger that they both met with Alison Cline with Friends of the Library regarding implementing a Cross Disabilities Children's Program that will include music and literary appreciation. The first focus will be age groups between 8 and 12, and that they named the program Shake, Rattle and Read; that this program will be in effect after the first of the year in 2016.

Commissioner Jeffords requested this item be tabled to a future meeting until further notice.

Item #6: Discussion pertaining to updating DAC materials/brochures.

Chair Poschner requested that this matter be tabled to October meeting due to Commissioner Van de Langeryt not having had an opportunity to review materials and further absence of Commissioner Yaeger reviewing the draft from Vice Chair Stutzman and making further updates.

Item #7: Discussion and action pertaining to approval of the August 12, 2015 DAC Meeting Minutes.

Vice Chair Stutzman made a motion to approve the DAC August 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Jeffords seconded the motion. Approved 6/0.

Item #8: Discussion and action pertaining to future agenda items.

The following non-standing items will be placed on the October 14, 2015 agenda:

Future October 14th Agenda:

- Presentation Above & Beyond Award to Mr. Bob Tippet/Fry's Food Stores (Poschner)
- Canceling November 11th Meeting/Veterans Day (Poschner)
- Item #6 – Updating DAC Materials/Brochures (Poschner)
- Disability Awareness Day During a Spring Training Day (Jeffords)

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Chair Poschner adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Lynda Davis

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