



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, May 27, 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 Yaeger called the meeting to order at the Surprise City Hall, Council Chambers, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance with Chair Yaeger were Vice Chair Stutzman and Commissioners Curtis, Jeffords, Poschner, and Van Natter.

Commissioners Curtis and Van Natter gave an introduction of themselves.

Staff in attendance: Ricka Gallagher, Risk Analyst and Lynda Davis, Sr. HR Analyst-ADA.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioners Curtis, Jeffords, Poschner, and Van Natter had nothing to report.

Vice Chair Stutzman thanked staff for updating the Fair Housing Presentation to the Disability Advisory Commission Resource Page and updating the website with the two new Commissioner's profiles.

Vice Chair Stutzman received an email from the City directing her to a link to a survey (Bell Grand Interchange); something for the Board Members to think about.

Both promotional item Invoices were submitted to staff and approved, paid, and shipped. Vice Chair Stutzman provided samples to Board Members.

Vice Chair Stutzman advised that her Brother-in-Law was the one that brought her to become a part of the Disability Advisory Commission due to his disability. Vice Chair Stutzman provided information about the crisis response volunteers and the valuable

resource they are in times of need. Vice Chair Stutzman highlighted Dial 211 features she was provided information on by the crisis response volunteers.

Chair Yaeger reported that, at the last meeting, Vice Chair Stutzman pointed out that there is a Capital Improvement Funding Exploratory Committee. Unfortunately the committee has now ended, and they are in the process of making their recommendations to City Council who will vote on this sometime in the near future. Chair Yaeger recommended that a DAC Commissioner be appointed to any committees involving citizens.

Chair Yaeger contacted Diane Arthur, Director of Communications for the City. The City has a retail survey on the City's main web page. Chair Yaeger advised that this is the kind of survey that the Disability Advisory Commission has been talking about formulating to get ideas how they can get their information and ideas out to the community.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Davis had nothing to report.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Presentation of the “Above & Beyond” award to Mountainside Fitness for providing excellent customer service to patrons with disabilities.

Commissioner Poschner introduced Jenny Holstein, Assistant Manager of the Surprise Branch and Robyn Klawitter, Vice President of Operations from Mountainside Fitness and further gave recognition to both of them for providing excellent service.

6:14 p.m. Meeting was suspended for presentation of the Above & Beyond Award.

6:19 p.m. Meeting reconvened with all parties present.

Item #2: Discussion of recommendations pertaining to accessible parking enforcement.

Chair Yaeger advised that he had spoken to Jim Gearns, Chief Frazier, and Mark Schott, and received statistical information regarding issuance of summons given to Citizens illegally parking in an accessibility parking space without a placard or accessibility sticker.

Chair Yaeger was further advised that a few years ago the Police Department began a program using blue courtesy cards explaining to citizens to please place their sticker or placard out instead of issuing a summons. This has resulted in a dramatic decrease in violations. He suggested the Disability Advisory Commission put their efforts towards another need.

Vice Chair Stutzman advised that she added accessible parking information onto the magnet. Citizens may pick up the promotional items at the City of Surprise and Board Members would also be handing these items out at events.

Item #3: Discussion pertaining to making arrangements for experts in disability related topics to speak at local Libraries.

Commissioner Jeffords advised that she has not been able to make contact with Alison Cline from Friends of the Library and requested this item be tabled to next month. Commissioner Jeffords further requested that if any Board Members have any topics or suggestions that they could give to her in order to be more effective in presenting the ideas to the Library.

Item #4: Discussion and action pertaining to the nomination and presentation of an Above & Beyond Award to CrossFit Surprise.

Commissioner Jeffords nominated CrossFit Surprise. Chair Yaeger made a motion to award the Above & Beyond award to CrossFit Surprise. Seconded by Vice Chair Stutzman. Approved 6/0.

Item #5: Discussion pertaining to scheduling the month of the "Above & Beyond" Award Presentation to QT Stations.

Vice Chair Stutzman advised she invited former DAC Commissioner, Roddi Jess, to attend the Above & Beyond award presentation. Vice Chair Stutzman will make arrangements for a QT representative to attend the July meeting for this award.

Item #6: Presentation and discussion pertaining to ADA Protocol/Dial-a-Ride Public Transportation.

Commissioner Jeffords provided information regarding the Dial-a-Ride program and features of the program.

Vice Chair Stutzman advised that Dial-a-Ride's phone number (602-266-8723) is on the new magnet and on the DAC resource page in order for anyone to utilize this service.

Item #7: Presentation and discussion pertaining to Accessibility of Audible Signals.

Commissioner Jeffords spoke to Dana Owsiany, Traffic Engineer Manager. Ms. Owsiany was not aware of any audible signals in the City at this time, but if an individual has these needs to contact her. Requests are done on an individual needs basis.

Item #8: Discussion and action pertaining to approval of the April 20, 2015 DAC Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Jeffords made a motion to approve the DAC April 20, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Poschner seconded the motion. Approved 6/0.

Item #9: Discussion and action pertaining to future agenda items.

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

- Presentation of Above & Beyond Award to CrossFit Surprise (Jeffords)
- Discussion speaking at Local Libraries (Jeffords)
- Discussion pertaining to DAC Materials updated and copies made for public events (Yaeger)
- Chair and Vice Chair Elections (Yaeger)

Future July Agenda – Above & Beyond Award to QT Stations (Stutzman)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Chair Yaeger adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Lynda Davis

Lynda Davis, Sr. HR Analyst