



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, July 13, 2016– 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, July 13, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Joseph Poschner, Chair – Present
Kymberlee Stutzman, Vice Chair – Present
Bruce Hertzog, Commissioner – Absent
John Yaeger, Commissioner – Present
Linda Van Natter, Commissioner – Present
George Van de Langeryt, Commissioner - Absent
Robert Harris, Commission Liaison – Present

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Poschner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Yaeger reported July 30th the City will host an adaptive family swimming party at the Hollyhock Pool. The event is for families affected by disability. There is a nominal admission charge and possible discount for registering in advance. The main city pool also has a Dive-in-Movie the same date at the main swimming pool on Bullard. There is a nominal admission charge and possible discount for registering in advance. The mail pool is very accessible with wheelchair accommodation and a zero depth area.

Commissioner Van Natter reported Special Olympics swimming training starts in August for the competition in October. Contact: Jenni Corkin 623-222-2245.

Vice Chair Stutzman reported the following:

- As of 7/1/16 Dial-A-Ride began operating 365 days a year. Mon-Fri trips were increased to 160/day. Limited Sunday service of 30 trips per day was added (consistent with the current Saturday/Holiday service). New rates are \$2 one way within the city and \$4 outside of the city. Anyone in the City of Surprise with ADA certification can now complete their entire trip outside of the city without having to do any transfers. Dial-A-Ride Contact: 602-266-8723.
- City of Surprise has joined up with Tumbleweed Center for Youth to operate a monthly Mobile unit for homeless teens. Location: Northeast Corner of Greenway and Parkview. The service provides shower, laundry, backpacks of snacks & school supplies, councilors and resources with social workers. National statistics indicate > 40% of the homeless population is individuals affected by disability. 180 students in Surprise are registered as homeless per school registration. The program began Thursday July, 7th and will continue on the 1st Thursday of every month from 1-5pm. Contact: 602-271-9904.
- Rehab Services of Surprise-Branch of DES provided a spreadsheet of employers in Surprise who they have worked with to employee persons affected by disability that are using Rehab Services. Based on statistics provided in the spreadsheet, Vice Chair Stutzman intends to recommend Safeway at Cotton and Bell for the DAC Above and Beyond Award.

Chair Poschner reported appreciation to Vice Chair Stutzman for assisting at last month's meeting in his absence and to the Commissioners for his re-appointment as Chair. Chair Poschner Further reported, in addition to Dial-A-Ride, the services of Uber and Lyft can be accessed via smart phone app. Both allow requests at any time of day or night, can accommodate wheelchairs upon request, and are inexpensive. He estimates a trip to the store is only \$3-\$4.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Commission Liaison Robert Harris reported that any city event Communications knows about would be on the city calendar. There is no set amount of time prior to an event that something is posted. Events are posted as the departments send them over.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Poschner opened the call to the public having none Chair Poschner closed the call to the public.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Discussion & Action pertaining to approval of the June 8, 2016 DAC Meeting Minutes

With corrections to name spelling Vice Chair Stutzman motioned to approve the 6/8/16 DAC meeting minutes. Second Commissioner Yaeger. Approved 5/0.

Item #2: Discussion & Action pertaining to material and content to be included on the DAC Facebook page.

Commissioner Yaeger commended Liaison Robert Harris for the current status and content of the DAC Facebook page and recommends no specific changes to the page. Chair Poschner also express appreciation. Liaison Robert Harris provided a brief demonstration of the DAC Facebook page. Commissioners will continue at any time to provide content to keep the Facebook page current.

Item #3: Discussion & Action pertaining to identifying future city events to have a DAC presence in the form of an information booth.

The city calendar of events is updated by communications as they are notified. The calendar is available on the city website and should be checked regularly for updates. Commissioners were encouraged to subscribe to city email alerts. The following events were identified as possible city events to have a DAC presence in the form of an information booth: Fiesta Grande (Oct), G.A.I.N. (Oct), HOA Academy (Oct), Surprise party (Dec), 2nd Sunday in the Park (Sept-Apr), Vendor Fair/Flea Market (Spring & Fall), Other Public Safety events (TBD), Fair Housing Events (December), Health Fair (TBD), Adaptive Recreation (TBD), Veterans Job Club (TBD), Veterans Day Parade (Nov). Open forums with City Council members (Monthly-TBD). Chair Poschner will obtain appropriate permissions and coordinate scheduling of Commissioners at the DAC information booth for each proposed event on an ongoing basis.

Item #4: Discussion and action pertaining to future agenda items.

The following items will be placed on the August 10, 2016 meeting agenda:

- Discussion and action pertaining to nomination of Safeway on Bell & Cotton for the DAC Above & Beyond award. (Stutzman)

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Chair Poschner adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm

Robert Harris

Robert Harris, Commission Liaison