



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, April 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

Vice Chair Stutzman called the meeting to order at the Surprise City Hall, Council Chambers, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Stutzman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Van de Langeryt reported he attending the last spring training baseball game and found disabled parking, and access to the tent at the venue were great. He gives Travis Ashby and everyone else an A+. A concern was reported from Larry Brown of Marine Corp League. On Eastham Parkway (between Cotton & Bell), a person in a wheelchair or scooter was observed having to travel to the end of the street in order to access a mailbox because the mailbox does not have a ramp in front of it. Commissioner Van de Langeryt intends to get more information on the reported issue.

Commissioner Hertzog also attended spring training and his experience went well. He reported also the Postal Service has protocol and typically will accommodate mail box access on an as needed basis.

Commissioner Jeffords reported on her participation, as a member of the West valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Arizona, in a student seminar that took place on Saturday the 9th. She facilitated and talked to the blind high school and college student in attendance about confidence building, opportunities and campus involvement. She encouraged anyone watching or listening to refer any blind or vision impaired students to the National Federation of the Blind Arizona website aznfb.org and also on Facebook AZNFB West Valley Chapter. Commissioner Jeffords reported a Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) public hearing to be held Wednesday April 27, 2016 from 9:30 to 10:30am at the Mag Offices at 302 N 1st Ave Second Floor in Phoenix. Questions may be directed to Mary Hartle-Smith 480-733-5266, hartlesmith@cox.net or Leila Gamiz 602-452-5076, lgamiz@azmag.gov.

Vice Chair Stutzman reported the Surprise Youth Council has a new campaign underway. Be Yourself, Find Your Crowd, Get Along. She noted they do not appear to have anyone with a disability on their board. She will be contacting the Sponsor Paul Bernardo to see about facilitating the needs of the disabled teen population in Surprise. She deferred to an other DAC Commissioner present at the HOA summit on 4/6 and if there will be any DAC presence at the 4/21 Safety Forum from 8am to 1pm. Finally, she gave kudos to the Spring Training Staff and access for mobility impaired.

Commissioner Van Natter gave kudos to the Texas Rangers for attending and assisting with adaptive baseball at Dreamcatcher Park. She reported on the following upcoming activates: Adaptive Bowling May 23 to June 21, \$65 resident, \$70 nonresident. Registration starts May 3rd. Contact Jennifer Corkin 623-222-2245. Adaptive Family fun Night May 6th at the Senior Center Facility 15832 N Hollyhock St \$5/person in advance, \$10 at the door. Online registration is available. ABC's of Special Needs Planning May 12th also at the Senior center presented by Arizona DDD. Free. All ages, all disabilities. RSVP Jeni (Jennifer Corkin) by phone or email Jeni.Corkin@SurpriseAZ.gov. Special Olympic Swimming Team starting in August. Contact Jeni for details. The Little Mermaid at Theater Works in Peoria presented by One Step Beyond participants. Contact Justin Watson at OSBI.org for tickets. June 17th & 18th.

Commissioner Yaeger reported appreciation to the recent Surprise Pops Band concert. Persons with disability were allowed to come in early and sit in chairs in the lobby, prior to the general admittance.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Commission Liaison Robert Harris had no staff reports.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Chair Stutzman opened the call to the public.

Yvonne Trihn & Margi Herd Announced One Step Beyond has an Open House tomorrow 4/13 from 5-7pm for special needs children transitioning from high school. Music Festival April 29th at Theater Works in Peoria on 83rd Ave. Tickets \$30 vip, \$15 regular seating. April 26th Surprise Quarterly Dinner. Tickets \$20.

Vice Chair Stutzman closed the call to the public.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the March 9, 2016 DAC Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Van Natter clarified her prior report on the Adaptive Baseball schedule. The correct end date for the Spring Season is April 16th. Commissioner Jeffords motioned to approve the March 9, 2016 meeting Minutes. Commissioner Van de Langeryt 2nd. Approved 6/0.

Item #2: Discussion and action pertaining to approval of the DAC Above & Beyond Award to Kathleen Bagley.

Vice Chair Stutzman read a statement prepared by Commissioner Jeffords describing the merits of why the award should be given. Commissioner Yeager expressed reservations to the award as opposed to her just being a good neighbor. Vice Chair Stutzman motioned for approval. Approved 5/1.

Item #3: Discussion and action pertaining to approval of the DAC Above & Beyond Award to Nathan De Martino.

Vice Chair Stutzman read a statement prepared by Commissioner Jeffords describing the merits of why the award should be given. Approved 6/0.

Item #4: Discussion and action placing on a future agenda a presentation by Angela Dial, Unit Supervisor with the Rehabilitation Services Administration, about available Arizona Department of Economic Security vocational rehabilitation services.

Liaison Robert Harris reported Angela Dial confirmed she and/or others from DES are available to present at the next meeting on 5/11/16. Commissioner Jeffords provided background about the organization. Approved 6/0.

Item #5: Discussion and action pertaining to DAC presence on City of Surprise Facebook page and DAC Facebook page.

Commissioner Yeager read a prepared statement proposing the DAC move forward with proposing to City Council that the DAC be allowed to have its own Facebook page. Discussion continued regarding a Facebook page or a group and the current presence on the COS website and Facebook page. Vice Chair

Stutzman motioned for approval of the DAC establishing its own Facebook Presence. Approved 6/0.

Item #6: Discussion and action pertaining to DAC focus areas for Commissioners.

Commissioner Yeager presented a copy of the prior DAC Strategic Plan identifying the DAC strategic focus areas. Vice Chair Stutzman suggested each Commissioner volunteer for one or more focus areas. The Commissioners present provided their responses and Vice Chair Stutzman proposed the following based on the responses. Each Commissioner present agreed to be a point person with regards to a specific Focus area and assist with a second as follows:

Van Natter – Finance; Disaster Security & Emergency Preparedness
Hertzog-Disaster Security & Emergency Preparedness; Business
Yeager-Connectivity, Communication & Outreach; Disaster Sec & ER Prep
Van de Langeryt-Business; Advocacy, Housing & Visibility
Stutzman-Advocacy, Housing & Visibility.

Poschner—Not present. Possibly Transportation pending further discussion.
Jeffords-Tabled/not assigned.

Item #7: Discussion and action pertaining to future agenda items.

The following items will be placed on the May 11, 2016 meeting agenda:

- Awarding of Above & Beyond awards (Jeffords)
- Presentation by Angela Dial (Jeffords)
- Continued discussion on commissioner focus areas (Yeager)

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Stutzman adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm

Robert Harris

Robert Harris, Commission Liaison