



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, March 9, 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, March 9, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Joseph Poschner, Chair – Present
Kymberlee Stutzman, Vice Chair – Present
Nicole Jeffords, Commissioner – 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 Jeffords reported on her 3/8/16 participation in a State & County Emergency Preparedness training held in Goodyear at Desert Edge High School. The purpose of the training was to simulate a radiation spill at Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant. Commissioner Jeffords reported her participation as a disabled person along with her Seeing Eye dog was well received and appreciated.

Commissioner Jeffords reported her Relator Surprise Resident Nathan Demartino has been patient, kind, understanding of her needs, and takes extra time to describe things. Commissioner Jeffords recommends he be given the DAC Above & Beyond Award. Commissioner Jeffords reported her neighbor Kathleen Bagley and her family have provided transportation, invited her to thing, and even helped when a garage door was left open. Kathleen understands her

disability and is always there in case of emergency. Commissioner Jeffords recommends she be given the DAC Above & Beyond Award.

Chair Poschner had nothing to report.

Vice Chair Stutzman had nothing to report.

Commissioner Van Natter reported on her 3/5/16 attendance at the COS Adaptive Baseball on behalf of the DAC. There was significant interest in the DAC information. Adaptive baseball continues through the month of March with games each week on Thursdays and Saturdays at Dreamcatcher Park. Enrollment is still open.

Commissioner Van Natter reported about the One Step Beyond Facility for participates with intellectual or cognitive disabilities. They would like to come and present to the DAC. They help participants realized independence, employment, and social skills. They have culinary, health, fitness, and performing arts programs. Additionally, they provide legal and financial services for participants and families. Website www.osbi.org. Phone number 623-215-2449. Location: Surprise off Reems & Greenway.

Commissioner Yeager reported contacting the City Attorney's office about the possibility of posting DAC information on the City of Surprise Facebook page or the DAC possibly having its own Facebook page. Any information or post would need to go through the City of Surprise for approval and the DAC Commissioners would not be allowed to post public comments. He recommended Robert Harris be the eventual City of Surprise contact.

Commissioner Yeager reported the Shake Rattle & Read program will not at present be able to take place at the Library. He recommended further consideration be reviewed in a future meeting.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Commission Liaison Robert Harris reported, as mentioned, the Shake Rattle & Read agenda item was removed. As follow up to question at the prior DAC meeting, the DAC website has been updated, corrections made, old links were updated and photos removed. All DAC meetings have been added to the COS Main webpage and DAC page. City Resource phone number (623) 222-CARE was contacted. There are no open or pending disability concerns presented. They are equipped to respond to and direct concerns to appropriate departments. The new design of the COS website's goal is AA ADA compliance. Social Media presence for COS Commissions was reviewed. At present, DAC information and events will be posted to the COS main Facebook page. The option was given for DAC to have its own Facebook page if necessary.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Poschner opened the call to the public. Abdu Dahr Senior Director of One Step Beyond reported on behalf of his organization to raise awareness in the community. One Step Beyond is a Non-Profit organization for Adults with intellectual disabilities.

Mission: Provide responsive, progressive, and dynamic programs to empower individuals with Intellectual Disabilities to realize their dreams of optimal independence, meaningful employment, significant social relationships, and full participation in our community.

Vision: A world in which people with Intellectual Disabilities are fully included in all areas in our community and are recognized for their potential, their talent, and their contribution to society.

One Step Beyond has been in operation for 13 years in the West Valley. One building in Peoria with 44 members has grown to 90 members and their families including the Surprise Campus that opened two years ago.

Programs: Life Skills & Recreation – reading & writing, budgeting, money skill, community safety, relationship etiquette (men's group and women's group) dance, art, music, fitness, events.

They are 95% Funded by the State thru the DDD. DDD basic requirements are staffing and activities. They go beyond the basic requirements with all they do. They do look for community donations and volunteers.

Website: osbi.org

Surprise Location: Reems & Greenway.

Additional Programs: Vocational– how to go out into the community to get a job, job etiquette, job information & placement at jobs in the community with staff then transition to working independently. Culinary-graduates are able to be placed in jobs in the community and they also do catering.

Mr. Dahr encouraged the public to come learn more about the organization through job placement assistance, volunteering, and employment with the organization.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Presentation of Above and Beyond Award to Cobblestone Auto Spa of Surprise.
Chair Poschner discussed his positive interaction with Cobblestone and their Service to people with disabilities. He presented the Above & Beyond Award to Cobblestone representative Service Manager Ryan Davis.

Item #2: Discussion and action pertaining to approval of the February 10, 2016 DAC Meeting Minutes.

Vice Chair Stutzman motioned to approve the February 10, 2016 meeting Minutes. Commissioner Van Natter second. Approved 4/0. Commissioner Yaeger abstained.

Item #3: Discussion and action pertaining to placing items on future DAC Agenda.

The following items will be placed on the April 13, 2016 meeting agenda:

- Discussion and action pertaining to nominations for Above & Beyond Award (Jeffords)
- Discussion and action pertaining to presentation by Supervisor for Surprise office of DES Rehabilitation Program (Jeffords)
- Discussion and action pertaining to DAC presence on City of Surprise Facebook page and DAC Facebook page (Yeager)
- Discussion and action pertaining to DAC focus areas for Commission members (Yeager)

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Chair Poschner adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm

Robert Harris

Robert Harris, Commission Liaison