City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, December 13, 2017– 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 Brenda Renou called the meeting to order at the Surprise City Hall, Council Chambers, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Chair – Vacant
Brenda Renou, Vice Chair – Present
Dan Moore, Commissioner – Present
Kathryn Chandler, Commissioner – Absent
Bruce Hertzog, Commissioner – Absent
George Van de Langeryt, Commissioner – Present
Robert Monahan, Commissioner- Present
Michelle Boyer, Commission Liaison – Present

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Renou led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Vice Chair Renou – On November 29th the Surprise Police begin their annual toy drive asking for public assistance. They are currently accepting new unwrapped toys or new wrapping paper to help the less fortunate children in our community. Surprise police and several community partners are working closely together and recently set up toy collection boxes at various locations within the City of Surprise. Donated toys can be dropped off at several locations throughout the city. Collection boxes are at the Surprise Police Department on Statler Plaza, Sun City Grand Palms Center on Remington Drive, Cimarron Club on Clearview Drive, Irish Wolfhound Restaurant and Pub on Litchfield Road, Sun Village Community on West Bell Road, Sunflower Colonnade on Colonnade Way, Vista de la Montana Adult Community on Parkview Place, Sante' of Surprise on Yorkshire Drive, Sunflower RV Resort on El Mirage Road, Grandview Terrace on

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Granite Valley Drive in Sun City West, Donations accepted through next Monday, December 18th. Pickleball Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on December 16th at 10am. Join the City of Surprise as it opens eight new pickleball courts at Surprise Community Park on Tierra Buena- free event - the courts are located in between the Aquatic Center and Dream Catcher Park. Reminder everyone the Surprise Community and Recreation Department offers programs for all ability levels under the ADA individuals needing modifications of policies, practices, or procedures, or provisions of auxiliary aids or services should contact Paul Frie at 623-222-2240 at least 15 business days in advance prior to the event if possible so arrangements can be made. Adaptive programs include Intro to Cooking, Arts & Crafts, Buddy Basketball, Buddy Bowling, Buddy Baseball, Special Olympics Bocce Ball and Buddy Bocce, also the Surprise Road Runner Basketball team co-ed 16 years and older. For more information, you should also contact Paul Frie. The surprise Fire/Medical Department has been holding a series of open houses at City Fire Stations so the residents can come out and meet the firefighters. You can check out the living/eating quarters, look at the bays and fire trucks, medical equipment, fire-fighting gear and tools used on emergency calls. Saturday, December 16th at Station 307 on Cactus/Sarival between 9am and noon a free event, December 18th a class preventing identity theft at Surprise City Hall conference room 150 10am – noon (free event) registration is required and the number to call for that is 623-222-3242. December 25th city offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Police and Fire will still be working. Northwest Deaf Senior Social is the third Tuesday of every month from 10am – 4pm at Villanueva Recreation Center Gym on Hollyhock Street. For more information, call 623-222-1500. Article from AZ Central on December 4, 2017 stating that Arizona schools for deaf and blind are feeling the effects of the state having a teacher shortage. The Arizona Capitol Times reports more than 200 teachers currently serve approximately 2,000 children in two schools for the deaf, one school for the blind, and its state-wide cooperative programs in local public schools. The Arizona state schools for the deaf and blind has 13 teacher vacancies and may need 21 more teachers. The agency is continually struggled to recruit and retain teachers who know their subject matter and are certified to teach students who are blind and deaf so if you know anyone who qualifies let them know.

Commissioner Van de Langeryt- Nothing to report

Commissioner Moore - Nothing to report

Commissioner Monahan: Nothing to report

Commission Liaison: Pertaining to the public concern in assessing future survey results: David Kohlbeck said the responses are coming in and they are following up on those individuals to get a large sample of results. Survey deadline was 12/15 and they have a follow up meeting on the 19th. So it won't be until January when we find out what happened. The attorney and city clerk were contacted for getting help on training but no date or time has been provided. Starbucks on Bell/Reems contacted the city to see if the board would want to team with them on different events.

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D. STAFF REPORTS

None to report

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Chair Renou opened the call to the public. Having none, Vice Chair Renou closed the call to the public.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Discussion and action pertaining to approval of the November 8, 2017 meeting minutes

- Vice Chair Renou had three corrections
- Motion to approve by Commissioner Van de Langeryt
- Second to approve by Commissioner Moore
- All in favor approved – zero opposed

Item #2: Discussion and action pertaining to public concern and assessing future survey results

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Item #3: Discussion and action pertaining to future board training and areas of concentration for each of the commissioners

- Commission Liaison is continuing to get clarification on what the board roles are including the liaison so that way everyone if following the proper procedure and process.
- Commissioner Monahan asked if the member order and training was provided by the City Clerk's office. Liaison responded she would find more information on where the training comes from.
- Commissioner Monahan also asked if the training is scheduled on an annual or quarterly basis or as the need arises?
- The question was posed if the need to meet monthly was necessary or to meet quarterly. The board feels the need to meet monthly.
- Commissioner Moore said that there was only two people new at one time but now at present time the board is new. Therefore, the board wants to meet monthly and have more training being the members are fairly new.

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- Commissioner Moore expressed the concerns for the legality to being properly training and also what is the commission doing. What is the purpose, goals and expectations? Commissioner Van de Langeryt also said he feels the purpose is not solid and needs direction and should be accomplishing more. Commissioner Moore stated he will reach out to Councilman Winters via email to see if he can attend a meeting to provide more direction.
- Commission Liaison advised the commission needs to continue to provide her guest speakers and ideas to place on future items to discuss in the meetings once a month
- Commissioner Monahan explained in the handbook it reads the commission may meet on a minimum once a year so there is flexibility on how often. The board wants to meet monthly so they have progress on input from City Council. The board understands the need to discuss with City Council needs within the city.

Item #4: Discussion and action pertaining to teaming with Starbucks on Grand and Reems location

- Michelle Boyer will reach out to Belle Minelli with Starbucks an invite her or a representative to the January 2018 meeting.

Item #5: Future Agenda Items

- Commissioner Moore reaching out to Councilman Winters for suggestions attending January meeting
- Julia Anderson from Project Search attending January meeting
- Dial-A-Ride Program with David Kohlbeck responses are coming in and he is obtaining feedback and the results not until January 2018.
- Vacancy and Officer application to fill vacancy.
- Commission needs to select Chair and Vice Chair and to have an election among the board. Fill the vacancy first is a priority.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Agenda should have listed “Discussion of Future Items”

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Renou requested a motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Monahan motioned and Commissioner Van de Langeryt second the motion. All in favor meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Michelle Boyer
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Michelle Boyer, Commission Liaison

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