



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

Chair Poschner called the meeting to order at the Surprise City Hall, Council Chambers, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Poschner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Van de Langeryt- Nothing to report

Commissioner Hertzog - Reported through meetings he ran into several parents who are very pleased with fund raiser at stadium. The committee is being recognized in the community.

Vice Chair Renou – Reported a block party on Saturday September 16th from 4pm-6pm at Surprise Community Center in Surprise. A Dick McComb City Park dedication ceremony scheduled for Saturday September 30th join city of surprise as we celebrate the life and work for the rename of Dick McComb City Park from 9am-10am takes place at SE corner of 175th Avenue and Surprise Farms Loop South. Free chest only compression CPR class offered September 27th 2pm – 4pm Public Safety Auditorium on Statler Blvd to register call 623 -222-5400. Feds awarded millions for Autism research and the National Institute of Health said it will award 9 grants over next 5 years as part of the Autism Center's Excellence Program to support large scale multidisciplinary research on Autism funding will go to projects aimed at evaluating a universal autism screening in toddlers as in intervention looking for signs of early developmental disorders. Grants this year will go to University of California-Davis, University of California – Los Angeles, Yale University, Duke University, Emory University, George Washington University, The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Drexel University, and Florida State University.

Chair Poschner Nothing to report

Commissioner Chandler: Nothing to report

Commissioner Monahan: Nothing to report

Commission Liaison: Nothing to report

D. STAFF REPORTS

Duties on spreadsheet will be at next meeting in October by Chair Poschner

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Poschner opened the call to the public. Community member Laurie Kosmel spoke about her experience with Dial-a-Ride in the city. She said the service forgets about her, they go to the wrong address, happened 12 times over last 6 weeks, they are very confused there and nobody seems to know what is going on. The commission could not ask questions and only listened. Michelle Boyer helped the speaker already prior to the meeting. Changes were made to the program about 2 weeks ago from 150 rides per to 34 rides per day. They are always booked up. She called Friday and they told her to call 2 weeks after and they were booked up. Commissioner Chandler asked the rules and how to help the public. Chair Poschner said Liaison Michelle Boyer will help after the meeting.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Discussion and action pertaining to approval of the June 14, 2017 meeting minutes

- Chair Poscher verified the corrections have been made and updated.
- Motion to approve by Commissioner Van de Langeryt
- Second to approve by Commissioner Hertzog
- All in favor approved – zero opposed

Item #2: Discussion and action pertaining to approval of the July 12, 2017 meeting minutes

- Chair Poscher verified the corrections have been made and updated.
- Motion to approve by Commissioner Chandler
- Second to approve by Commissioner Monahan
- All in favor approved – zero opposed

Item #3: Presentation by Gompers Habilitation with Mark Jacoby, Executive Director

- Mark Jacoby spoke and thanked Vice Chair Renou for working with him to reschedule the meeting date.
- He explained the entire program on a presentation and the benefits of the habilitation program
- Provided website: www.gompers.org, also found on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Guidestar
- Chair members asked questions and asked if the service assists veterans and right now the contracts do not offer assistance.
- Employment program transportation to assist people with obtain community placed employment and provide training then transition to supporting themselves. Asked if they offer coaching services and if they help with asking employers to hire them. They do provide longer term job coaching. They work with Safeway on one person for 2.5 years. They also educate employers about the benefit of someone with a disability.
- Commissioner Chandler spoke and asked how our schools would know about Gompers? Gompers is doing outreach and Arizona is member driven so if someone has services through DDD and are ready to find a location the DDD will find the home location and place with programs in the area. It's an interview for Gompers as well to make sure the person is a good fit. They also spend time at school transition fairs so districts are familiar with them. They do not have a location in Surprise but do have

clients in Surprise. Transportation will depend on if there are seats on the van.

- Vice Chair Renou thanked Gompers for presenting and asked for further clarification about the Empowerment Scholarship on how to apply and what is it? Started as a voucher initially for parent with children who had disabilities with public school district not providing outplacement could apply for a scholarship through the state of Arizona based on ability levels the more challenges the higher the scholarship. If the parents receive the Empowerment Scholarship they then remove the student from the school district. That parent can go to any public school and receive a card that has the scholarship on it and that's how they pay tuition. Passed law that it is open to every student in the state in AZ but the program is being challenged and off at the ballot.
- Commissioner Hertzog asked about the target group? Does Gompers have a special group? Mark Jacoby said they serve those who have the greatest challenges such as those with tube feeding, special diets, wide open on full spectrum of individuals and really pride on those with the greatest challenges the same opportunities as everyone else. Official name is now Gompers and they started in 1947. They named after Samuel Gompers head of the AFL.

Item #4: Future Agenda Items

- Joshua Mike with Arts and Culture Master Plan wants to present in October
- Commissioner Monahan said they are all set to have Julia Anderson speak from West-MEC in October about Project Search and the opening of the NW Center in Surprise.
- Commissioner Chandler wants to do a West-MEC tour for an accessibility in the future to do in November 2017.
- Commissioner Moore wants to discuss having Paul Fry Recreational Division Manager or Jenny Larkin Recreational Specialist talk to board about different adaptive programs at Dream Catcher Park. Set up for a fall meeting. Possible meeting with them in October.
- Commissioner Monahan spoke about the Dial-a-Ride he wants to have potentially Dial-a-Ride present in the changes as an educational item. Commissioner Chandler has connections there and will set it up for possibly November.
- Commissioner Hertzog wants a posting on the city website for the DAC and such as the Facebook page by having Michelle Boyer uploading information to the public on feedback about the Dial-A- Ride?

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Chair Poschner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hertzog motioned and Commissioner Van de Langeryt second the motion. All in favor meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Michelle Boyer

Michelle Boyer, Commission Liaison