



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, May 10, 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, May 10, 2017 – 6:00 PM

A. ROLL CALL

Joseph Poschner, Chair – Present
Kymberlee Stutzman, Vice Chair-
Present
Dan Moore, Commissioner –
Present
Robert Monahan, Commissioner –
Present
Brenda Renou, Commissioner –
Present
Bruce Hertzog, Commissioner –
Absent
George Van de Langeryt, Commissioner – Present
Brian Carmichael, Commission Liaison – Present

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Poschner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Renou reported that she spoke with GOMPERS and they have asked to present in July as opposed to the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Renou also reported that waterproof power wheelchairs are currently being tested in San Antonio Texas for possible entry into the market. The chairs are reported to be able to perform at a 10 degree slope and travel up to 3 miles before needing to recharge with an air compressor.

Vice Chair Stutzman reported Surprise has partnered with Benevilla and One Step Beyond to bring a partnership to assist those with developmental and intellectual disabilities in finding employment. Information available on website or call 623.215.2449.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Poschner opened the call to the public. Nobody came forward and Chair Poschner moved to proceed with the first agenda item.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Presentation from Ms. Wheelchair Arizona 2017, Josette Ulibarri.
Ms. Ulibarri indicated she just won the title of Ms. Wheelchair Arizona 2017. She wanted to share a story about her life. She opened with a brief history of her childhood and how she was raised to feel as though she did not have a disability and always try before asking for help. She highlighted how this made her more independent as an adult. She spoke of her eleven-year old daughter, even though doctors believed she never could. She also shared a video from Entertainment Tonight documenting her being featured in a modeling magazine. Ms. Ulibarri shared her story of obtaining a driver's license and how the process was challenging. She shared a feature story of her in Livability Magazine about her driving. She highlighted several adaptive programs that she has participated in including: Day on the Lake (Bartlett Lake), and IFLY (Indoor Simulated Sky Diving). She also highlighted several other resources including:

Moving Forward- Support group for families with those affected by brain injuries.

<http://www.wmforward.org/>

Arizona Disabled Sports- Sports programs for individuals with disabilities.

<http://www.arizonadisabledsports.com/>

Ability 360- Advocate for personal responsibility for independence of those with disabilities.

<http://www.ability360.org/>

Daring Adventures- Nonprofit providing wellness and adventure activities for youth and adults with disabilities.

<http://www.daring-adventures.org/>

Silver Tree- Assists families of those with disabilities in: special planning, special needs trusts, guardianship filing, investments, and many other resources.

<http://www.silvertreesnp.com/>

Ms. Ulibarri closed in offering that she provides the following services: Certified Life Coach, Emotional Intelligence Evaluations, DISC Personality Assessments, Nurturing Fathers Program.

Vice-Chair Stutzman inquired about platform that uses to speak to youth with disabilities. Ms. Ulibarri indicated that she is doing her best to advocate herself and program. Also, shared she is running for Ms. Wheelchair USA.

Commissioner Monahan inquired about the adaptive van that Ms. Ulibarri shared in her presentation. Specifically, he inquired if assistance was available through Arizona Vocational Rehabilitation. Ms. Ulibarri advised that she purchased the chassis and the organization provided the adaptive equipment.

Item #2: Presentation by GOMPERS Habilitation Center Executive Director Mark Jacoby on Assistive Technology Initiative

Commissioner Renou requested to table presentation until July meeting.

Item #3: Discussion & Action pertaining to approval of the February 8, 2017 & April 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Renou indicated that her name is misspelled on the final page of the February 8th minutes. Commissioner Van de Langeryt made motion to approve minutes, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. Unanimous Committee approval.

Item #4: Consideration and action pertaining to a nomination of Musical Surprise for an Above and Beyond Award.

Vice-Chair Stutzman shared information related to Musical Surprise. Specifically, the musical therapy program that the business offers and how it appropriately aligns with the goal of the Above and Beyond Award from the DAC. The program uses music to obtain a non-music goal, such as: relaxation, improving attention, expression emotion. Services are available in group or private therapy. Specific treatment plans are available and document progress. Vice-Chair Stutzman shared a testimonial from Gina, who is the mother of a seven-year old son Jacob. Her son attends Musical Surprise for therapy related to Autism. She shared that music has assisted Jacob in calming from "melt downs". Jacob has made a big difference in both his life and the life of his family members. He has made tremendous progress in speech and other areas.

Based on the information provided, Vice-Chair Stutzman made a motion to award Musical Surprise with the Above and Beyond Award.

Chairman Poschner shared that he believes music is often overlooked as a means of therapy; but, fully agrees.

Vice-Chair Stutzman's motion to award was seconded by Commissioner Renou. All Commissioners were in full support and the motion carried.

Vice-Chair Stutzman spoke with the owner of Musical Surprise, Robyn Harris advised that she would attend the June DAC Meeting. Vice-Chair Stutzman asked that the Above and Beyond Award be prepared for Musical Surprise and signed by the Mayor for the June meeting.

Item #5: Discussion pertaining to areas of concentration and focus for Commissioners.

Chair Poschner indicated that there are several focus areas that each Commissioner may choose to provide emphasis.

Vice-Chair Stutzman reminded the Commissioners that a six focus areas exist and each Commissioner should choose two that they would like to participate as a focus area. This does not absolve Commissioners from participating in all areas and updates can be provided at the opening of meetings on Commissioner reports, if vote required it should be introduced as agenda item. The six focus areas were provided by Vice-Chair Stutzman and each Commissioner self-elected to the two as indicated:

Business- Commissioner Hertzog, Commissioner Van de Langeryt, Chair Poschner

Transportation- Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Monahan

Connectivity, Communication, and Outreach- Commissioner Renou, Commissioner Moore, Chair Poschner

Disaster Security and Emergency Preparedness- Commissioner Hertzog

Advocacy, Housing, Visit-ability- Vice-Chair Stutzman, Commissioner Van de Langeryt, Commissioner Renou

Financial Solutions- Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Monahan

Item #6: Discussion & action pertaining to future agenda items.

Commissioner Monahan suggested Holly Medina/Administrator Northwest Campus of West MEC be included to discuss accessibility features of facility opening at Dysart/Grand on October 1st. Commissioner Monahan will make arrangements for Ms. Medina to speak possibly at the September DAC meeting.

Chair Poschner indicated that next meeting will vote for Chair and Vice-Chair replacements. Chair Poschner asked that it be added as an agenda item.

Vice-Chair Stutzman reminded all members that they can nominate during the Commission reports segment of the next meeting and then the vote will be an agenda item.

Commissioner Monahan asked if a new member must serve a year, prior to serving in an Officer role. Vice-Chair Stutzman clarified that there is not a waiting or probationary period and that any member may nominate to serve in these roles.

In closing, Chair Poschner reminded the public that the temperatures in our City are rising and to please be cautious with both pets and children in vehicles.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chair Stutzman made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Renou. Unanimous support to adjourn and Chair Poschner closed the meeting.