



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, April 12, 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, April 12, 2017 – 6:00 PM

A. ROLL CALL

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Poschner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Hertzog reported that he attended the Taste of Surprise event and that considerable money was raised to be donated to various disability advocate groups working with the City of Surprise.

Commissioner Renou reported that April is Autism Awareness Month and she invited Olivia Fryer from Arizona Autism United to speak during the Call to the Public tonight. Additionally, Commissioner Renou reached out to Gompers

Vice Chair Stutzman reported that the Disabled Veterans are being serviced on Tuesday at the Resource Center, TechCelerator 12425 W. Bell Rd. the group helps find employment and housing for homeless. Program is available to all veterans.

Vice Chair Stutzman also shared that Saturday April 15th, Easter Egg Hunt for City of Surprise. Event is broken down by age group. Vice Chair Stutzman reminded community that if child has a disability, they should be paired based on ability age, as opposed to chronological age. The last segment 940am, provides all-ages, which includes adults with disabilities to participate.

Senior Prom April 19th 10a-1pm Surprise Senior Center, all seniors including those without disabilities. Encouraged community involvement.

City of Surprise providing mobile block party mobile unit for free. Includes: tables, chairs, coolers, tents, name tags, sports equipment, trash bags, generator, stereo system, \$75 grocery reimbursement, and \$125 reimbursement for moon bounce. Encourages citizens who are often home, many times due to disability, that the City will essentially bring the party to them. Information available on City website.

Encouraged Miss Wheelchair Arizona, Josette and asked to come to future meeting to speak about experience and encourage people who suffer from disability.

Reminded group that Above and Beyond and would like to nominate Musical Surprise. Specifically, for music therapy program, will elaborate at future meeting.

Commissioner Robert Monahan introduced by Chair Poschner. He advised that he is excited to learn more about the City of Surprise and how to assist those with disabilities. Moved from Madison Wisconsin where served on a similar board. Area of interest is employment for those with disabilities. Would like to review prior meeting minutes to see how he can assist.

Brian Carmichael followed up on prior meeting questions. The first involved the inquiry about board elections. Brian provided each member with a copy of the Municipal Codes related to Chair/Vice-Chair elections. Recommendation to possibly consider making election a June or July agenda item as results go into effect in August.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Poschner opened the call to the public. Olivia Fryer, who is an Outreach Coordinator with Arizona Autism United spoke to the DAC. Her organization serves approximately 500 youth each week on Autism Spectrum throughout Maricopa County. The organization partners with numerous insurance companies, DDD, and Arizona Long-Term Care. Looking to reach into the West Valley. Services include: habilitation, respite, early child-hood autism program, speech services. Family fundamentals helps families in dealing with diagnosis and treatment. Sib Shops provides siblings with a network and like family siblings as a means of support. Also help the community through training. Olivia Fryer provided a direct telephone number of 480-302-5122.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Discussion & action pertaining to approval of the February 8, 2017 DAC MeetingMinutes

Chair Poschner indicated that minutes were not immediately available. Brian Carmichael suggested that DAC table the approval to May meeting. Commissioner Renou motioned to table and Commissioner Hertzog seconded the motion.

Item #2: Discussion and action pertaining to future agenda

The following items will be placed on a future DAC meeting agenda:

- Vote on nomination for Musical Surprise for Above and Beyond Award
- Going over areas of concentration for different Commissioners to realign to focus on concentration area and assign new areas of focus.
- Mark Jacoby with GOMPERS to present on activity.
- During May reports, Commissioners interested in Chair/Vice-Chair should express interest in position with voting agenda item for June.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Vice-Chair Stutzman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Renou second the motion.