



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, May 9, 2018– 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 Brenda Renou called the meeting to order at the Surprise City Hall, Council Chambers, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Renou led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Chair Renou – Discussion and consideration for all public to be involved in various current events within the City. Chair Renou went over the monthly activities in various locations, times, dates, and fees if any.

Vice Chair Monahan – Medicare workshops for prescription drug plans was May 10, 2018.

Commissioner Hertzog – He went to the City Planning and Zoning Commission and spoke to Chris in the agency and the mailbox problem will be looked at as the situation arises. The railroad crossing will be dealt with through MAG – Maricopa Arizona Government Committee to get them involved and take care of the problem.

Commissioner Watson - Contacted Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division sent ADA update for small business and ADA update for state and local government. Approaching businesses letting them know who the DAC is as a commission, about automatic door openers and they are inexpensive and a good thing to have even though not required by law. Commissioner made copies of a handout from the Job Accommodation Network for businesses that do not have automatic door openers before the next meeting to give businesses something in writing rather than only verbal.

Commissioner Chandler- Absent

Commissioner Moore – Nothing to report

Commissioner Van de Langeryt – Nothing to report

D. STAFF REPORTS

Commission Liaison: Nothing to report

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

E. CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Presentation and discussion by Joshua Mike providing an update to the Arts and Culture Master Plan.

- Joshua Mike spoke about the final text draft of the document of the final graphic version of the Arts and Culture Master plan
- The plan sets the standards and strategic direction
- Started in June 2017 discussing in public meetings led to October outreach going to many performing arts opportunities and festivals with fiesta grand, bus tours, tech fairs, many other events
- The draft plan explained where project entrances will be with an artistic monument or murals onto buildings
- Joining with Ottawa College in a future partnership.
- June 2018 Present to the City Council in adopting the plan.
- Accessibility and ADA requirements are set outside of required walkpath as an example. Make sure all accessibility is for everyone so the placement of art meets all ADA requirements.

- Vice Chair Monohan wanted to be sure the possibility of future venues suggested as some take shape referral to DAC may be appropriate so all accessibility factors are considered.
- Commissioner Hertzog wanted to clarify the DAC are not only dealing with ADA items. Suggested disability type of art show with people who have disabilities present a plays. Sun City has a short 1-act play inexpensive type of show in Surprise. Joshua Mike advised WHAM provides arts sessions with those who have PTSD but will bring it to the commission to broaden in using recreation centers for only specific type of groups.
- Chair Renou explained what she saw in Las Vegas and bringing that idea here to the city. There was a container garden/park with shops and huge dragon sculpture that breathed fire. Joshua Mike stated having an entertainment district may be in the future.
- Commissioner Moore mentioned Bell Road and Greenway that causes a lot of traffic problems. Too fast of growth and not taking into account people still work and need to move through the city. Gateway entrances are a way to display art.

Item #2: Presentation and discussion by Jim Courtright of the Kiwanis Clubs of New River and Sun City/Agua Fria speaking about the mission of Kiwanis Clubs.

- Jim Courtright presented Aktion Club and what the club is and where to find more information.
- Kiwanis found there was a gap to fill having to do with adults of 18 and older who are mentally challenged and that is what Aktion Club is proud of developing.
- One Step Beyond connected with West Valley Food Bank with 1,600lbs of canned goods and food. Next project is to feed the poor along with the police department to have sandwiches with an apple as an example.
- Commissioner Hertzog stated the Kiwanis is all run by members
- Vice Chair Monahan asked if residents from Surprise want to be involved and per Jim Courtright Bruce Hertzog is a good liaison for questions.
- Commissioner Watson asked if Surprise can host an Aktion Club but if there are organizations for mentally challenged adults Jim is more than happy to start working with them to set a program up.

Item #3: Discussion pertaining to scheduling a future presentation by Ivan Rivera with Ability 360, addressing assistance for those individual who have disabilities especially those desiring to return to work.

- Vice Chair Monahan advised Ivan Rivera with Ability 360 will be at the June meeting and Liaison Michelle Boyer will add to agenda and post on DAC Facebook page. Ivan will summarize the programs but particularly to the benefits piece of the program.
- Chair Watson wanted to be sure community members attend.

Item #4: Discussion and action pertaining to approval of the April 11, 2018 & March 14, 2018 meeting minutes.

- Minutes approved
- Commissioner Hertzog motioned approval Commissioner Van de Langeryt second the motion.

Item #5: Discussion pertaining to establishing guidelines, criteria, and process of nominating and awarding as an Above and Beyond Award

- Vice Chair Monahan mentioned the awards from 2013 and recent of June 2017 but he wasn't sure if there was criteria. Using the DAC Facebook would be a good platform to talk about the awards.
- Liaison Michelle Boyer stated she did not find criteria
- Commissioner Van de Langeryt explained there hasn't been any known criteria for the award but definitely for those who went above and beyond.
- Commissioner Hertzog advised the award should be when the person did what they did he or she went above and beyond. Request via email from a company
- Commissioner Moore also stated creating criteria is needed
- Commissioner Hertzog stated the criteria may also be placed in a newspaper because not all residents are online using social media.
- Vice Chair Monahan stated the City of Surprise has a publication
- Commissioner Van de Langeryt advised he will come up with a general criteria and pass along for comments and suggestions. Commissioner Moore wants to see the criteria launched. Possibly using West-Mec or Chamber of Commerce may post.

Item #6: Discussion pertaining to a plan to publicize the DAC, including updating a brochure and flyer to display guest speakers.

- Commissioner Watson looked at the half page flyer because they can hand out to people when there, share on social media and do a good job at who they are and what they are. Commissioner Watson will update the brochure so it's more friendly to those who have smart phones.
- Commissioner Moore mentioned he has a milk crate of items to use at the different events they attend in the community.

Item #7: Discussion pertaining to areas of concentration and focus for Commissioners.

- Vice Chair Monahan = Financial/Employment focus
- Chair Chandler = Transportation
- Chair Renou = Housing
- Chair Van de Langeryt = Communications
- Chair Hertzog = Business/Accessibility/Advocacy
- Chair Watson = Visitability
- Chair Moore = Transportation

Item #8: Discussion pertaining to future agenda items.

- Vice Chair Monahan mentioned Ability 360 in June and also visited three businesses to install automatic door openers. Chair Watson mentioned the Job Accommodation Network and reaching out to different businesses. Chair Renou asked for emails to each other so they do not all visit the same place.
- Chair Watson would like to identify future speakers at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- No other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Chair Renou requested a motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Monahan motioned and Commissioner Hertzog second the motion. All in favor meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Michelle Boyer

Michelle Boyer, Commission Liaison