City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, June 13, 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, June 13, 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 – Absent
George Van de Langeryt, Commissioner – Present
Krista Watson, Commissioner- Present
Brian Carmichael, Commission Liaison – Present

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Renou led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Chair Renou – Chair Renou provided a list of City events taking place, including:

- Transit Feasibility Study, Dive in movie, CCC-CPR Classes, Annual 4th of July fireworks at stadium, Pool party at Surprise Aquatics Center on 4th of July, Moving Vietnam wall will be coming to Surprise.
- Also advised that during a recent trip to movies, she was asked to provide a “card” for her service dog. She explained that no certification is needed or issued for service dogs.
- Advised that she is moving and this will be her last meeting.

Vice Chair Monahan –Nothing to report

Commissioner Hertzog – Absent

Commissioner Watson – Advised that she will not be able to make the July meeting.

Commissioner Chandler- Absent

Commissioner Moore – Nothing to report

Commissioner Van de Langeryt – Advised that he provided an updated criteria sheet for Above and Beyond Award to Michelle Boyer; but, it does not appear to have been distributed.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Commission Liaison: Reminded Commission that Surprise Municipal Code 2-295(11) requires a Chair and Vice-Chair to be elected in July for August appointment

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 Ivan Rivera with Ability 360 to discuss services they provide.**

- David DuBay ASPIRE Coordinator and Community Work Incentives Coordinator with Ability 360 conducted presentation in absence of Ivan Rivera.
- David provided an in-depth presentation discussing the services and mission of Ability 360.
- David's presentation detailed that the Phoenix-based independent living program provides several resources to assist Social Security recipients in achieving employment goals.
- Transition to employment and navigation of Social Security benefit impact were discussed in great detail.
- David answered several from the Commission related to the program and was thanked for his contributions and presentation.

Item #2: **Discussion and action pertaining to approval of May 9, 2018 Disability Advisory Commission meeting minutes.**

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

Item #3: **Discussion regarding the production of publicity handouts to inform local businesses about the installation and benefits of automatic door openers.**

- Commissioner Watson advised that she had previously provided copies from the Job Accommodation website.
- Commissioner Watson advised that excessive travel has precluded her from devoting enough effort to this discussion and asked to table this agenda item to the August meeting.

Item #4: **Discussion pertaining to a plan to publicize the Disability Advisory Commission.**

- Commissioner Watson advised that she has recently posted DAC-related activities, including information about the Above and Beyond Application on:
  - Facebook
  - Surprise Matters
  - Next Door App
- Commissioner Moore advised that previous discussion with Michelle led the DAC to believe Communication might be able to increase traffic, via Surprise Progress.
  - Commissioner Moore was advised that this will be researched and reported in the staff report in the August meeting.

Item #5: **Discussion on Developing parameters for selecting guest speakers for Disability Advisory Commission meetings.**

- Commissioner Watson advised that the group had previously discussed scheduling one speaker, per month to increase engagement.
- The other Commissioners agreed that this would be a wise approach to keep the meeting interesting for outside engagement.
- Commissioner Moore moved to recess for the July meeting.

Item #6: **Discussion pertaining to establishing guidelines, criteria, and process for nominating and awarding the Above and Beyond Award by the Disability Advisory Commission.**

- Commissioner Van de Langeryt advised that prior awards for the Above and Beyond Award lacked quantitative measures and he prepared a written document to identify criteria.
- Commissioner Van de Langeryt read the proposed criteria to the other members, which highlighted that the award should be geared toward businesses or actions that extend beyond that of benefiting one individual through a kind act.
- He indicated that groups such as businesses or HOAs that take action for the betterment of many, as opposed to just one person or instance, should be targeted for award.
- Commissioner Watson suggested that employers that focus on offering opportunities to individuals with disability should be strongly considered, this idea was agreed upon by all.
- Commissioner Moore shared that in his tenure the most applicable award went to Sun City Grand HOA for efforts that they had made that impacted an entire community. The second most impactful was that awarded to Musical Surprise as they created programs aimed at benefiting those with disability. The group agreed that this should be the focus.
- Commissioner Van de Langeryt advised that he intends to add the suggestion and bring it to the next meeting for review and possible dissemination to the public for applications.

Item #7: **<u>Discussion pertaining to tasks within the newly assigned areas of concentration for each Commissioner.</u>**

- Vice Chair Monahan sought clarification from staff in this area. He inquired if a standing agenda item was possible, which required each Commissioner to provide a report on activity in their respective areas of focus.
- Staff advised that this is possible and recommended that this might be best accomplished in the opening updates by each Commissioner.
- Vice-Chair Monahan asked if Section C. of the formatted agenda would allow for specific verbiage that each Commissioner is to report on area of focus.
- Commissioner Van de Langeryt indicated that the report should include an action item so that they are all clear on what is being done.

Item #8: **<u>Consideration and action pertaining to the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Disability Advisory Commission beginning August 2018, pursuant to Surprise Municipal Code, 2-295(11)(c).</u>**

- Commissioner Van de Langeryt discussed and made motion to recess for July meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Watson and approved.

- Commissioner Van de Langeryt sought direction from staff on voting for Chair and Vice-Chair in August.
    - Surprise Municipal Code 2-295(11) was referenced and explained at which point the Commission opted to identify and elect positions at current meeting.
- Chair Renou advised that this will be her last meeting and sought interest from each of the present Commissioners to pursue Chair position.
- Vice-Chair Monahan advised that he would like to nominate himself to remain Vice-Chair if the Commission would prefer.
- Commissioner Van de Langeryt indicated that he would be interested in pursuing role of Chair.
- Commissioner Watson advised that she was not interested in either position as did Commissioner Moore.
- Commissioner Moore made motion to nominate Commissioner Van de Langeryt Chair and Vice-Chair Monahan to remain Vice-Chair effective August 1, 2018. This was seconded by Commissioner Watson and approved.

Item #9: **<u>Discussion pertaining to future Disability Advisory Commission agenda items.</u>**

- Commissioner Moore reiterated that he would like analytics on number of viewers reached with television broadcast.
    - Staff will report results, if attainable, in August staff report.
- Commissioner Watson suggested that the board have a discussion in August on each of their area of emphasis.
- Commissioner Watson also suggested an agenda item to discuss future speakers and public engagement opportunities.
    - A list of upcoming events will be brought by Commissioner Watson to the August meeting for consideration.

<u>OTHER BUSINESS:</u>

- No other business.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Hearing no further business, Chair Renou requested a motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Van de Langeryt motioned and Commissioner Moore second the motion. All in favor meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Brian Carmichael

Brian Carmichael, Commission Liaison