



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)
Wednesday, November 14, 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

Vice Chair Robert Monahan called the meeting to order at the Surprise City Hall, Council Chambers, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Monahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Reminder: Each commission may bring up pertinent information to his or her specific area of focus.

Vice Chair Monahan – Provided information on where to find current City of Surprise events calendar area if they are of interest to others. ACA open enrollment began and the AZ Market Place has opened and federal subsidies for incomes below certain levels area still available for assistance through healthcare.gov. ACCESS officers Medicaid for elderly, disabled and other adults with limited mobility azahcccs.gov. SSI or SSDI may also be open to those with Medicare/Medicade through the Social Security Association ssa.gov.

Commissioner Chandler- Nothing to report

Commissioner Watson- Nothing to report

Commissioner Moore – Nothing to report

Commissioner Thomas- Nothing to report

D. STAFF REPORTS

Commission Liaison: Nothing to report

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Chair Monahan opened the call to the public. Having none Vice Chair Monahan closed the call to the public.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Discussion and action pertaining to approval of October 10, 2018 Disability Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

- Minutes approved
- Commissioner Moore motioned approval Commissioner Watson second the motion

Item #2: Presentation on service provided by the Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL).

- Rescheduling for future presentation.

Item #3: Discussion on tabling ideas to present information about the DAC at local events.

- Commissioner Hertzog not present roundtable for a future meeting.

Item #4: Presentation on DAC transition to include veterans and human services and to be moved under the City of Surprise Human Services and Community Vitality Department

- Seth Dyson introduced himself as Director of Human Services and Community Vitality Department.
- HS and CV includes but not limited to: Senior Services, Neighborhood Services Division, summer youth program, block parties, civic education classes, HOA academy, Surprise Resource Center offering direct assistance for help with utilities and eviction to include non-profit partners to better serve residents in seeking help, navigator at the resource center to help a resident navigate through websites that offer assistance, college and career readiness summit to learn about college.
- Grow the DAC in a joint effort to a Veteran's Disability and Human Services Commission- brand new commission merging current DAC with HSCV Department.
- Idea from a resident presented to City leadership and City Council for a need of a Veteran's Commission at a call to the public. Council Member Hall asked the HSCV to look into blending the DAC with a new commission.
- Allison Matthees presented the same presentation given to City Council meeting last month in October. The explanation detailed how the new commission would serve the public collaborating with local veterans and human services together for the same goal and mission.
- The new commission will be 11 members including 7 of the current DAC members and 4 new members.
- December 4, 2018 City Council will be presented again the results from the DAC meeting where council will take action on the newly formed commission.
- Social and human services link together and many services through Surprise Resource Center and the new commission will work with a blank slate making recommendations to council.
- Commission will come with a small budget to be able help with actions to help residents and those needing assistance to also include hiring a person by the City to assist the new commission.
- Commissioner Moore wants to see information on eligibility be the focus of how to help veterans and to have more involvement with the community.
- New commission will remain broadcasting and the same day/time once a month as the DAC.
- Terms of the DAC intent is all re-sworn into the new commission and to keep current longevity the same. No need for now to re-apply as of now unless required by City guidelines.
- The number 11 of seats came from a best-case scenario. All commissioners of DAC would transfer to new board with four open seats that would be primarily for those with a veteran background.

- Human Services Department partner is with non-profit on family law, domestic violence, or other legal services to team with the DAC on the measures to help those with advocacy.
- Nine months to one year to amend a big plans to change the rec funding recommendation process from the City Planning and Zoning commission to the new proposed commission to better align. Then the DAC will make recommendations to City Council. Amending the plan to City Council then housing development group to approve. Spring 2020 is the estimated time this will happen with the new commission.
- If the new commission is established the DAC will cease to exist. The new commissioners will be re-sworn in December/January then new commission meeting in February. City budget amendment, new hire for the commission and all existing commissioners need re-sworn in.
- Current DAC commission is in full support of the proposal for the combined commission.

Item #5: Discussion on future Disability Advisory Commission agenda items.

- Commissioner Thomas topic to have a teen involvement within the disabled community. One Step Beyond or similar and the goal is reduce bullying and increase awareness within the high school community.
- Helping those with sensory disabilities and assisting in creating improvements on lighting or noise helping residents while in public places.
- Presenters and presentations will hold for now until new committee meets.
- Liaison Michelle Casciato reiterated the DAC will pause because of the change in commissions and regroup and meet in February under the new established commission. If City Council decides not to move forward with new commission the DAC will meet again. Vice Chair asked for a motion to cancel the December and January is temporary canceled if meeting pending approval of counsel. Vice Chair Monahan moved to motion for no meeting in December possible in January otherwise will meet in February. Commission Moore second the motion.
- Liaison Michelle Casciato mentioned Above and Beyond Award will be spoken about at the new commission and also Coffee With a Commissioner.
- Commissioner Moore asked about social media. Liaison Michelle Casciato will work on the transition.
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OTHER BUSINESS:

- No other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Monahan requested a motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moore motioned and Commissioner Watson second the motion. All in favor meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

Michelle Casciato

Michelle Casciato, Commission Liaison

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