

**CITY OF SURPRISE
VETERANS, DISABILITY, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2023 / 6:00 PM

**City Council Chambers
16000 North Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374**

CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Julie Kent-Partridge called the Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Surprise City Hall, 16000 North Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on May 10, 2023.

ROLL CALL

In attendance were Chair Julie Kent-Partridge, Vice-Chair Steffen Hanzel, Shawna Daigle, Phillip Lair, Gwen Mendez, John Billcheck, Nickolas Kupper, Allison Wisniewski, and Jennifer Quintero.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STAFF PRESENT:

Community Initiatives Supervisor Danielle Osborne and Human Service & Community Vitality Assistant Director Deb Perry.

CURRENT EVENTS REPORT

- May is National Water Safety Month. The Surprise Aquatic Center will host the Surprise Safety Splash on May 26th at 5pm. This event is free. Call 623.222.2500 for more information.
- The Parks & Recreation Department is hosting an Adaptive Family Swim Party on Saturday, June 10th at 5pm at Hollyhock Pool.
- The next Days of Service are planned for Wednesday May 17th and Wednesday, June 14th at St. Mary's Food Bank. Three shifts are available between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Call Larry Garcia at 623.222.1522 to register.
- City offices are closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Osborne reported the following:

- The city is hosting a Neighborhood Outreach Meeting regarding the Multigenerational Community Resource Center on Wednesday, May 17th from 4 – 7 p.m. at Villanueva Recreation Center.
- National Community Survey Results are in. Visit surpriseaz.gov/NCS for a complete list of results.
- Mark Coronado Park and restroom amenities will be closed for maintenance and renovations beginning Monday, May 15th through Thursday, August 1st. For questions, call the Sports & Tourism office at 623.222.2800.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS - PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

Item 1 – Citywide – Consideration and action pertaining to the April 12, 2023 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lair asked for the spelling of his name to be corrected in one of the listed motions. He also pointed out that in another motion, the date was not completely denoted.

Commissioner Kupper moved to approve the April 12, 2023 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Billcheck seconded the motion. The motion passes with 9 Yes votes.

Item 2 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the services offered by AZ Pet Project.

CEO Leanna Taylor made the presentation to the commission.

Item 3 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to an overview of VDHS Commission activities in FY2023.

Ms. Osborne made the presentation to the commission. The commissioners discussed various working groups and efforts made over the past year, and came to a consensus that some of the existing working groups would need to be resolved or repurposed after they revisit their strategic plan.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Ability 360 presentation
- Challenge coin for the commission
- Community Needs Assessment revisit

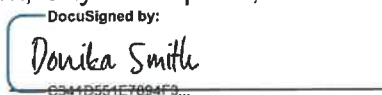
ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Hanzel moved to adjourn the meeting of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission on May 10, 2023 at 6:51pm. Commissioner Kupper 2nd. The motion passes with 9 Yes votes.


Danielle Osborne
Community Initiatives Supervisor


Julie Kent-Partridge
Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission Chair

The foregoing instrument is a full, true, and correct copy of the original document on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Surprise, Arizona.

ATTEST BY: 
Donika Smith
Administrative Specialist

DATE: 9/21/2023 | 13:15 PM MST