

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

COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2023 / 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Steffen Hanzel 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 September 13, 2023.

ROLL CALL

In attendance were Chair Steffen Hanzel, Commissioners Phillip Lair, Dr. Gwen Maxfield, Shawna Daigle, and John Billcheck.

Absences: Commissioners Julie Kent-Partridge and Nickolas Kupper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STAFF PRESENT:

Human Service & Community Vitality Director Seth Dyson and Assistant Director Deb Perry.

CURRENT EVENTS REPORT

Chair Hanzel reported on the following upcoming events:

- Surprise Area Interfaith Golden Rule breakfast will be held on September 28th. The Commission will present the first Community Legend Awards. RSVP required to attend.
- Fiesta Grande will be held Saturday, October 7th from 5:00-9:00p.m. at Mark Coronado Park. The event is free to attend.
- Surprise Police Department is hosting GAIN night on Saturday, October 21st from 5:30-8:30p.m. at Mark Coronado. The event is free to attend.
- Library Words on Wheels is a new program that will provide home delivery of books to homebound residents. Contact the Surprise Regional Library for more information.
- The Sci-Tech Festival will be held on November 18th in Mark Coronado Park parking lot from 10:00-2:00p.m. Exhibitors and Sponsors needed.

Commissioner Daigle reported that she attended the Abilities Expo. This expo is a display of organizations and vendors that assist those with physical disabilities. Was able to meet up with many groups and learn about some great resources. Invited them to attend the

future Disabilities roundtable

Commissioner Lair reported that the working group for the Veteran Event has decided on a day, received quotes for equipment, and sign-ups will be going out. At next roundtable meeting going to get share with veteran groups to encourage attendance.

STAFF REPORT

Director Seth Dyson reported that:

- A new liaison for the Commission has been hired and will be attending the next meeting.
- Retreat dates will be sent tomorrow to hold a final session for strategic planning.

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 August 9, 2023 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lair moved to approve the August 29, 2023 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Daigle seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 Yes votes and 2 absent (Kent-Partridge, Kupper).

Due to the motion containing the incorrect date a new vote was taken.

Commissioner Lair moved to approve the August 9, 2023 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Billcheck seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 Yes votes and 2 absent (Kent-Partridge, Kupper).

Item 2 – Citywide – Consideration and action pertaining to the August 29, 2023 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lair moved to approve the August 29, 2023 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Maxfield seconded the motion. The

motion passed with 5 Yes votes and 2 absent (Kent-Partridge, Kupper).

Item 3 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the services offered by The Clothing Shop.

Maria Santiago made the presentation to the commission.

Item 4- Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the services offered by Team Red, White and Blue.

John Martinez made the presentation to the commission.

Item 5 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report for Program Year 2022.

Housing & Community Services Supervisor Adam Lane made the presentation to the commission.

Item 6 – Citywide – Consideration and action pertaining to the 2023 Veteran's Day Parade Grand Marshal.

Commissioner Billcheck advised the commission that the working group met to review the nominations. They chose a veteran and someone with ties to Surprise as the criteria. The recommendation from the committee is Charles (Chick) Klein.

Commissioner Maxfield moved to approve Charles (Chick) Klein as the 2023 Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal. Commissioner Lair seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 Yes votes and 2 absent (Kent-Partridge, Kupper).

Item 7 – Citywide - Discussion pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2024 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission budget.

The commission discussed the FY2024 budget and the various expenditures expected for the year. The commission will finalize discussions at the next retreat.

Item 8 – Citywide - Discussion and possible action pertaining to the city's annual Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) Night.

Commissioner Maxfield moved to approve a \$500 sponsorship in support of the GAIN Night Event. Commissioner Daigle seconded the motion. The motion failed with 2 Yes votes, 3 No votes (Billcheck, Hanzel, Lair), and 2 absent (Kent-Partridge, Kupper).

Commissioner Lair moved to approve an \$800 sponsorship in support of the GAIN Night Event. Commissioner Billcheck seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 Yes votes, 2 No votes (Daigle, Maxfield), and 2 absent (Kent-Partridge, Kupper).

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Phoenix Restoration Church
- DES - navigation through system. Specifically DDD
- VDHS logo on screen saver

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lair moved to adjourn the meeting of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission on September 13, 2023, at 7:51p.m. Commissioner Daigle seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 Yes votes and 2 absent (Kent-Partridge, Kupper).



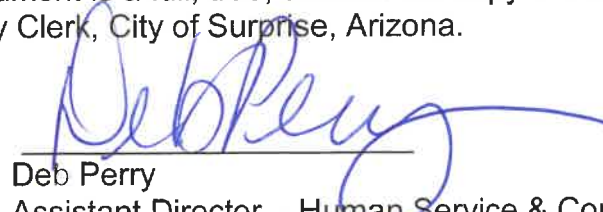
Seth Dyson
Director - Human Service & Community Vitality



Steffen Hansel
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:



Deb Perry
Assistant Director – Human Service & Community Vitality

DATE:



09/11/23