



CITY OF SURPRISE
Education Subcommittee Meeting
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OVERFLOW ROOM

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Current Events and Reports
- E. Staff Reports
- F. Education Subcommittee Agenda

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CONSENT AGENDA:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

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| 1. | Citywide | Consideration and action pertaining to the November 16, 2023, Education Subcommittee meeting minutes | City Manager Office |
| 2. | Citywide | Consideration and action pertaining to the Surprise Youth Scholarship Program | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 3. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion from Rio Salado College's RISE program. | Seth Dyson
City Manager Office |
| 4. | Citywide | Discussion pertaining to the Water Resource Management Department and Gateway Community College scholarships. | City Manager Office |
- G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items
 - H. Adjournment

KRISTI PASSARELLI, CITY CLERK

POSTED: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 1:30 PM

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Education Subcommittee Meeting

Council Meeting Date: February 7, 2024
Submitting Department: City Manager Office
Staff Recommendations: None

Contact Person:
District: Citywide

Consent: No Regular: Yes Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Consideration and action pertaining to the November 16, 2023, Education Subcommittee meeting minutes

Motion:

I move to approve the November 16, 2023 Education Subcommittee meeting minutes.

Background:

Objective Analysis:

Policy Compliant:

Financial Impact:

Budget Impact:

FTE Impact:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2023-11-16 Education Minutes Draft
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Thursday, November 16, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Councilmember Cline called the **Education Sub-Committee Meeting** to order at 4:03 p.m. at Surprise City Hall, Overflow Room, 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Thursday, November 16, 2023.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Jack Hastings, Chair (Absent), Councilmember Aly Cline, Vice Chair, Mike Hoover, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Committee Member, Seth Dyson, Human Service & Community Vitality Director, Committee Member.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

STAFF PRESENT

Kirsten Hall, Economic Development Project Manager, Donna Meuse, Human Resources Director, Virginia Mungovan, Marketing and Communications Director, Michael Boule, Water Resource Management Director, Genevieve Martin Del Campo, Staff Liaison.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM

1. Consideration and action to approve the September 14, 2023 Education Sub-Committee Meeting minutes:

Seth Dyson moved to approve the September 14, 2023, Education Sub-Committee Meeting minutes and Mike Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Discussion and possible action pertaining to a representative from Human Resources Department being added as a Committee Member:

Mike Hoover gave an overview of the importance of having an HR representative on the Education Subcommittee. Donna Meuse added that being a part of the Education Subcommittee will be a great opportunity to apply the work HR is currently doing with the community and workforce.

Councilmember Aly Cline stated that workforce development has always been important, as well as working with the community and being able to utilize this committee for the purpose of expanding the economic development part of the City. She further stated that adding a representative from HR would be invaluable to this committee to ensure all bases are covered and not missing something in the workforce that the City can improve on. Seth Dyson agreed.

Mike Hoover moved to approve adding a representative from the Human Resources Department as a Committee Member and Seth Dyson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Discussion pertaining to the Water Resource Management Department and Gateway Community College Scholarships:

Michael Boule gave an overview of the relationship between the City and Gateway Community College and the scholarships that are currently offered.

Mike Hoover explains the collaborative effort between the City and Gateway Community College and the efforts toward a water operations cohort.

Councilmember Cline asked if there are opportunities for water operator jobs going forward and if this program is available to only Surprise residents or all water operators. Michael Boule responded that the water operator industry is growing with the upcoming TSMC water and wastewater plant.

Seth Dyson asked if all available scholarships in the past have been utilized and all available funding taken advantage of. Michael Boule responded no, but with the new Director of Gateway Community College being energetic about this partnership, the City is looking to really maximize and take advantage of the scholarships this go-round. Seth Dyson further asked what the window is to push this information out, as he and his team would be more than happy to help. Michael Boule responded that he is still working out the parameters with the school. Seth Dyson then asked if the cohort will be a shortened timeframe or if it will be two-year training. Mike Hoover responded that they are looking at an 18-month timeframe.

Councilmember Aly Cline stated that she loves this idea.

Seth Dyson asked when the TSMC water and wastewater plant go online. Michael Moule responded in 2025, and Mike Hoover added that there will be hiring in advance.

4. Discussion and action pertaining to a change in the description of the Education Subcommittee:

Mike Hoover gave an overview of the Career Development Scholarship Fund Status Report.

Seth Dyson gave an overview of the Surprise Council College Scholarship program. Councilmember Aly Cline asked what the criteria is to be eligible for the scholarship. Seth Dyson responded the scholarship is available to any high school senior living in the City of Surprise.

Mike Hoover reported that the Dental Assisting Program through West-MEC was able to fill nine of the eleven available spots and is currently underway. He further reported that the Estrella Mountain Community College Program resulted in his colleague, Kirsten Hall, receiving a note from a community member who took advantage of the scholarship explaining how her life has been positively impacted by the program and scholarship availability. Kirsten Hall read the note aloud.

Mike Hoover then gave an overview of the current Education Subcommittee description and why an update is necessary.

Mike Hoover moved to approve the change in the description of the Education Subcommittee and Seth Dyson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Presentation and discussion pertaining to Osher Lifelong Learning and their future plans with the City of Surprise:

Kristi Schneider, Program Coordinator with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), gave an overview of the program and partnership with the City.

Councilmember Aly Cline asked when the hyperlink for the class catalog will be available for residents. Kristi Schneider responded on December 4.

Mike Hoover asked if any of the classes are recorded. Kristi Schneider responded that it is not right now but that is in the works because there are other OLLI Programs that do offer recordings. She further stated that once they migrate to the new website platform, they should be able to provide that feature, as people have been asking.

Seth Dyson asked if OLLI works with other cities as partnerships or if community center use is just a premise or facility use with fees attached. Kristi Schneider responded that cities outside of Glendale charge "out of city" rates as ASU West is in Glendale. Seth Dyson clarified that at those times, the program was more considered a rental than a partnership. Kristi Schneider responded yes. Seth Dyson

asked if other cities ever cover the cost of classes for the members. Kristi Schneider responded no. She further stated that one of the community centers in Glendale holds free classes outside of the OLLI Program, which results in OLLI providing classes for free at that community center. Councilmember Aly Cline mentioned several places in the City of Surprise where OLLI could hold classes as the program expands.

Seth Dyson asked if someone could show up to a class and pay the fee at the door or if they must register beforehand. Kristi Schneider responded that the situation has not happened in the past, but that she did not see a problem if that were to happen. Seth Dyson asked if someone under 50 years of age wanted to attend a class, would they be allowed to attend. Kristi Schneider responded that she cannot say the situation has never happened.

Seth Dyson thanked Kristi Scheider for bringing the OLLI Program to Surprise. Councilmember Aly Cline added the program is a very important part of what this subcommittee wants to do.

Seth Dyson gave Kristi Schneider information on the RISE Program through Rio Salado Community College. Kristi Schneider stated that it would be a great idea to speak with the coordinators of the program to discuss a potential collaboration.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

An update on the Gateway Community College Scholarship program.

An update on extending the community college agreement that went before the Council in December.

Discussion pertaining to the RISE Learning for Life program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seth Dyson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. and Mike Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Councilmember Jack Hastings, Chair

Jackie Moucheron, Staff Liaison

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CITY OF SURPRISE
Education Subcommittee Meeting

Council Meeting Date: February 7, 2024 Contact Person:
Submitting Department: Human Svcs and Comm District: Citywide
Vitality
Staff Recommendations:

Consent: No Regular: Yes Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Consideration and action pertaining to the Surprise Youth Scholarship Program

Motion:

I move to approve the application and timeline for the Surprise Youth Scholarship Program.

Background:

At the request of the Education Subcommittee, the Human Service & Community Vitality Department has prepared an application and process to guide the efforts of the Surprise Youth Scholarship Program. This program will provide one-time financial support to students currently living in Surprise or attending a Surprise high school, who have been accepted to a four-year University, Junior/Community College, or Trade School for the 2024-2025 academic year. This item has been placed on the agenda to allow the subcommittee an opportunity to review the application and scoring criteria prior to approval and distribution.

Objective Analysis:

To provide an opportunity for Surprise students to receive a scholarship to aid in costs associated with attending a four-year University, a Junior College, or a Trade School.

Policy Compliant:

This item is consistent with City and Council Policy.

Financial Impact:

If approved, costs associated with this program will not exceed \$20,000.

Budget Impact:

Funds for this program have been approved by the Surprise City Council as part of the FY24 Budget.

FTE Impact:

There is no FTE Impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRAFT FY25 Scholarship App
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City of Surprise Scholarship Program



The annual Surprise Scholarship program will award high school senior(s) who best meet the requirements set forth by the City of Surprise Scholarship Selection Committee. Award amounts are at the discretion of the City of Surprise Scholarship Selection Committee.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will review and score all submitted applications. Applicants' references may be contacted by telephone or electronic mail. The Scholarship Selection Committee will interview finalists that are successful through the paper screening process.

Guidelines for the City of Surprise Scholarship Program:

Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors who currently reside in Surprise, Arizona. Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the educational institution in the recipient student's name.

Student applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Plan to attend an accredited college, university, or trade school on a full-time basis in the upcoming 2024 - 2025 school year
2. Submit 1 reference letter from a community leader (business leader, non-profit leader, community leader, government employee, elected official)
3. Submit 1 reference letter from a school leader (teacher, administrator, counselor, coach, etc.,)
4. A copy of your most recent high school transcript demonstrating an unweighted grade point average (GPA) at or above 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
5. Complete a 500-word essay (included in the online application form)
6. Applicants that pass the paper screening review from the selection committee will be asked to interview

Deadline:

All applications and supporting documents must be received no later than Monday, March 25, 2024, 5:00 pm. **LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Please advise your high school registrar/counselor of this deadline for submission of transcripts and any additional supporting documentation.

- Complete the application online by visiting surpriseaz.gov/XXXX
- **OR** Please mail completed applications to:
John Williams
Community Engagement Partner
Surprise City Hall
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
623.222.1647
- **OR** e-mail to: surprisecares@surpriseaz.gov



City of Surprise Scholarship Program



- **OR** Drop off the completed application packet to the Welcome Desk inside City Hall anytime Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Please submit the packet in an envelope or folder marked “Attn: John Williams.”

Interview:

Applicants that are selected after the paper screening will be contacted for an interview which will take place between April 15 – April 19, 2024.

Recipient Selection Notification:

All scholarship award winners will be notified no later than April 29, 2024 and will be recognized at the Surprise City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. **NOTE:** Amounts awarded to successful candidates are at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

Documentation:

All scholarship award winners must be able to provide the following documentation by June 14, 2024 in order to receive funding:

- Copy of the College/University/Trade School acceptance letter
- College/University/Trade School ID

The following are the scored areas. All areas are scored on a scale of 1-4; 1 being “poor” and 4 being “distinguished”. Scores are totaled and applicants are then ranked based on scores. Scores are discussed by the committee and scholarship recipients are selected at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

1. Extracurricular activities
2. Community/ civic engagement
3. Volunteerism
4. Explanation of degree plan and school choice
5. Essays

Scholarship Application Form

1. Applicant’s name: _____

2. Are you a resident of Surprise, Arizona? Yes / No (circle one)

3. List the schools you have attended:

School	Website

4. Applicant meets the minimum 2.5 GPA requirement: Yes / No (circle one)
5. Extracurricular Activities: (include sports, clubs, and offices held in school)
6. Civic Engagement and Community/School Engagement:
7. Volunteer activities in the community:
8. What college, university, or trade school are you planning to attend?
9. Have you already been accepted by the school of your choice? Yes / No (circle one)
• If no, have you applied? Yes / No (circle one)
Page 2 - Applicant's name:
10. What is your degree or certification plan AND why did you choose this plan?



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Staff Recommendations: None

Contact Person: Seth Dyson, DIRECTOR - HSCV
District: Citywide

Consent: No Regular: No Public Hearing: Yes Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Presentation and discussion from Rio Salado College's RISE program.

Motion:

None.

Background:

RISE Learning for Life is a Rio Salado College non-credit, interest-based program. Classes and activities focus on interest-based lifelong learning opportunities for a wide range of individuals within the community. RISE members enjoy exchanging ideas with peers who share their knowledge, talents, and interests with others in a friendly, interactive environment.

Objective Analysis:

Learn more about the educational community offerings from RISE.

Policy Compliant:

Consistent with policy.

Financial Impact:

Budget Impact:

FTE Impact:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City Council_ RISE Presentation_2_7
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Welcome

RISE Learning For Life

Introductions

Jennifer Shaffer
Instructional Services Director,
Community Development Division

Caronia

Jill

RISE Coordinator

Sandra Stanley
RISE Assistant Coordinator

Who are we?

RISE Learning For Life is a interest-based....

- RISE is a community based educational organization that encourages lifelong learning at minimal cost and was created in 1996.
- Classes and activities focus on interest-based lifelong learning opportunities for a wide range of individuals within the community.
- RISE members enjoy exchanging ideas with peers who share their knowledge, talents, and interests with others in a friendly, interactive environment.
- For an annual \$50 membership fee, RISE members can take advantage of unlimited access to 150 classes and activities.

We serve approximately 150-250 members, 50 years and older, from Sun City, Sun City West, Sun City Grand, Surprise, Peoria and Glendale.

Class Offerings

Members enjoy classes about

- The Arts
- Health and Wellness
- Finance and Law
- Travel
- Technology
- Natural Science and Math
- Social Sciences and History
- Religion and Spirituality

We offer in person, virtual, and hybrids classes.

Classes are offered

Rio Salado College at Surprise

12535 W. Smokey Drive Surprise, AZ 85378

Monday – Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
&
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



RISE Website

<https://www.riosalado.edu/community/rise>



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[Search for Classes](#)

[Become a RISE Volunteer](#)

[Member Sign In](#)

RISE Learning for Life

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Classes and activities focus on interest-based lifelong learning opportunities for a wide range of individuals within the community. RISE members enjoy exchanging ideas with peers who share their knowledge, talents, and interests with others in a friendly, interactive environment.

For an annual \$50 membership fee, RISE members can take advantage of unlimited access to 300+ classes and activities. Classes are presented by RISE volunteers who have expertise in diverse topics and are representative of the local educational, medical, cultural, civic, and business communities. Book clubs and free events for the public are also presented.



[Member Sign-In](#)

[Download Current Class](#)

Contact Info

[RISE Learning for Life](#)

Our Volunteers

RISE Advisory Committee

- The Advisory Committee Members advise RSC administrators and helps the RISE program achieve its goals.
- The committee meets twice a year for planning and offers support to RISE members who volunteer their time and talents to ensure program success.

Volunteer Committees

- Catalog Preparation & Distribution
- Community Outreach & Membership Growth
- Class Offerings & Identifying Presenters
- RISE Event Coordination

Community Partners

- Del Webb Sun Cities Museum
- West Valley Singers
- Benevilla
- and more...



Our Volunteer Presenters

Over 40 volunteer presenters donate their time and knowledge to share with our RISE members.

- Classes are presented by RISE volunteers who have expertise in diverse topics and are representative of the local educational, medical, cultural, civic, and business communities.

Founding coordinator of the Project for Writing and Recording Family History in the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts at ASU.

Author of award-winning novels.

Journalist and author by profession, and a life-long student of religious and spiritual traditions.



Our Volunteer Presenters

Teaching over 175 studio art classes and over 230 art history classes in the valley.

Glendale Community College Professor on Foreign Policy and the Middle East with a Ph.D.

Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering.





Questions?



Let's stay connected!

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Staff Recommendations: None

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Consent: No Regular: Yes Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Discussion pertaining to the Water Resource Management Department and Gateway Community College scholarships.

Motion:

None. Discussion only.

Background:

Surprise Water Resource Management and Gateway Community College have an agreement that allows Gateway CC to utilize the education facility on the Surprise Water Campus while providing scholarships in water operation education programming. The WRM Director will be providing an update on the progress of this program and will be available to answer questions the Subcommittee may have on said progress.

Objective Analysis:

The existing agreement provides for scholarships for Surprise residents with Gateway CC, the potential increase in local marketing may aid in resident awareness.

Policy Compliant:

Financial Impact:

Budget Impact:

FTE Impact:

ATTACHMENTS:
