



City of Surprise  
Disability Advisory Commission  
Wednesday, April 18, 2007 - 6:00 P.M.  
*Surprise City Hall – Council Chambers*  
12425 W. Bell Road, D-100  
Surprise, Arizona 85374

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### Members Present:

John Longabaugh, Chair  
Wayne Nielsen, Vice-Chair  
Jim Olmsted  
Barbara Porter  
Ken Hill  
Gustav Szvetits  
Michelle Lewis

### Members Absent:

### Staff Present:

Michael Schrock, Director, Management/Budget  
Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

### Staff Absent:

Jean Poe, Risk Manager

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Longabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Surprise City Hall, Classroom, 12425 W. Bell Road, D-100, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

### 2. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17, 2007 MINUTES**

Chair Longabaugh called for approval of the March 21, 2007 minutes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Olmsted moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Szvetits. Motion approved 7-0.

### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Randy Bice, a resident of Sun City Grand, addressed the Commission to express his concern over safety issues when crossing city streets. He reported that a representative from the Foundation for the Blind looked over the area near his home and recommended he not try to cross some of the streets due to safety issues. Mr. Bice expressed his hope that these matters would be addressed as the city grows.

### 4. **CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Porter reported that she attended the Angel for the Blind meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. She requested that a representative from there come and talk to the group in future months about their progress and activities.

Commissioner Porter also talked about meeting a local chiropractor recently and was impressed with how beneficial chiropractic care can be, especially to individuals with disabilities.

Commission Hill reported that he attended the DreamCatcher Park Grand Opening and was really impressed with how quickly the project was complete and the positive publicity it received.

Commission Olmsted reported that he also attended the DreamCatcher Park Grand Opening and was disappointed that the water was turned off and that he could not go in and view the family restrooms. He was also concerned that the park benches with covering were not in place as he had hoped.

Chairman Longabaugh reported that he also attended the DreamCatcher Park Grand Opening and was happy to see all the kids in attendance, participate in the field activities and see former Commission members at the event.

5. **AGENDA**

- A. Presentation by Ingrid McBride from Audio Logic on the benefit of Induction Loop systems as a form of assistive listening device  
Ms. McBride explained how required wiring components are installed throughout the walls of a room and transmit a signal to a receiver, which in many cases already exist in a person's hearing aid. By using this type of technology a person can simply flip a small switch on their hearing aid in order to pick up sound. In cases where a person does not wear a hearing aid, or one with a t-coil, receiver headsets can achieve this same effect.
- B. Presentation by Rob Voreck from AC Interpreting Services on the benefit of Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) as a means of providing equal access to communication for those who use American Sign Language  
Mr. Voreck presented information on the benefits of VRI which allows a person who is Deaf to communicate with a hearing person through the use of a remote interpreter.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations for "Person First Language" Proclamation – Commissioner Nielson  
Commissioners Nielson and Olmstead discussed the educational materials that were passed out to the group as well as the proposed proclamation that was emailed to the Commission members.  
**MOTION:** Commissioner Nielson motioned to forward the People First Language Proclamation to City Council to urge the consideration, adoption and education on "people first language" throughout the City. Second by Commissioner Szvetits. Motion passed 7-0.
- D. Discussion and Possible Action on the Post Office Subcommittee Recommendations – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate  
It was reported that the final letter was signed by the Mayor and has been mailed to the Post Master General and several others. A response has not yet been received but there will be a follow-up report next month.
- E. Report on the Wheelchair Basketball Team – Commissioner Hill  
Commissioner Hill presented the colors of and reported on the new Surprise Roadrunner Wheelchair Basketball Team. Quotes have been obtained from three vendors who could provide the sports wheelchairs. These will be ordered within the week so they are prepared for practices starting in June and the season starting in August. Surprise has committed to hosting a tournament which will bring four teams from southern California to play. He will keep the group posted on the events.

- F. Discussion and Possible Action on the Business Aware and the Northwest Valley Chamber of Commerce Partnership – Commissioner Nielson  
Commissioner Nielson reported that he, Commissioner Nielson and Nanette Bowles would be meeting with the joint committee from the Chamber on Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> to formalize the action on the assessment program.
- G. Discussion and Possible Action on the Speakers' Bureau Topics – Commissioner Nielson  
Commissioner Nielson reported that, after the draft presentation was mailed out last month, only a few comments came back and adjustments have been made, as needed. He reported that a separate meeting needs to be set up for a "Train the Trainer" class with the Commissioners. This would be presented by himself and Nanette Bowles. The final intent is that the Commissioners and other volunteers would take turns conducting these presentations on an as-requested basis.
- H. Discussion and Possible Action on the Use of Enhancement Funds for the New City Hall Building – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate  
Ms. Bowles showed a presentation of the Enhancement Fund dollars spent and proposed. To date, \$103,500 has been allocated between the City Hall bathroom automatic door-openers, an additional family restroom and the three automatic door openers for DreamCatcher Park. With \$196,500 left to allocate before June 30<sup>th</sup>, the following proposals were made, discussed and voted on:  
**MOTION:** Commissioner Nielson motioned to approve a total of \$12,000 for 8 removable chairs for the new City Hall Council Chambers. Second by Commissioner Szvetits. Motion passed 7-0.  
**MOTION:** Commissioner Hill motioned to approve the funds for an Induction Loop System in the City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall Training Room, one large conference room and one small conference room. Because the original estimate was only for the Council Chambers the new estimate will be determined by staff and appropriate funds will be recommended for allocation. A report on this will follow at the next meeting. Second by Commissioner Szvetits. Motion passed 7-0.  
**MOTION:** Commissioner Szvetits motioned to approve the funds for two VRI (Video Remote Interpreting) kiosks. The original estimate was for \$10,000 for one kiosk at the City Council Chambers. The motion was to approve funds for this and a second portable until. The new estimate will be determined by staff with a report to the Commission will follow. Second by Commissioner Nielson. Motion passed 7-0.  
**MOTION:** Commissioner Olmstead motioned to approve \$6,000 for automatic door locks for the two family restrooms in the new City Hall. Second by Commissioner Hill. Motion passed 7-0.
- I. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Higher Standards for City Facilities – Michael Schrock, Director of Management and Budget  
Mr. Schrock discussed the proposed increased standards for new City facilities.  
**MOTION:** Commissioner Nielson motioned to approve the concept of the higher standards, as presented, so staff could determine the next steps with the City Manager's Office. Second by Commissioner Szvetits. Passed 7-0.

**6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 18, 2007**

Agenda items for the next meeting will include:

- Public Comments
- Current Events and Reports by Commissioners or Staff
- Request for a presentation from CRS on DreamCatcher Park
- Discussion and possible action on requesting the P & Z chair and staff liaison to attend a DAC meeting to discuss ADA related issues addressed by the Planning and Zoning Board.
- Presentation from Randy Bice from Angel for the Blind
- Commissioner Hill's report on the Wheelchair Basketball Team
- Commissioner Nielsen's report on the Business Award and the Northwest Valley Partnership
- Commissioner Nielsen's report on the Speakers' Bureau topics
- Report on potential results from Post Office Letter
- Discussion and Possible Action on People First Language proclamation
- Discussion and Possible Action on Higher Construction and/or Design Standards/Guidelines
- Report on costs of Enhancement Fund approved by Commission
- Discussion and Possible Action for use of Enhancement Funds for new City projects

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Longabaugh adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

*John Longabaugh*

Chair, John Longabaugh

**ATTEST:**

*Nanette Bowles*

Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate for the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Disability Advisory Commission meeting held on **Wednesday, April 18, 2007**.

*Nanette Bowles*

Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate