



City of Surprise  
Disability Advisory Commission  
Wednesday, August 15, 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:

Gustav Szvetits, Chairperson  
Jim Olmsted, Vice-Chair  
Wayne Nielsen  
Barbara Porter  
Ken Hill  
Michelle Lewis  
Scott Hjalmervik

### Members Absent:

### Staff Present:

Michael Schrock, Director, Management/Budget  
Jean Poe, Risk Manager  
Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

### Staff Absent:

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

Chairperson Szvetits called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Surprise City Hall, Classroom, 12425 W. Bell Road, D-100, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, August 15, 2007.

#### 2. **SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBER**

Deputy City Clerk Linda Stevens swore in Commissioner Scott Hjalmervik.

#### 3. **APPROVAL OF JULY 18, 2007 MINUTES**

Chairperson Szvetits called for approval of the July 18, 2007 minutes.

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

#### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Geneva Ward, Director of Blue Mountain Developmental Programs, reported that the Blue Mountain Developmental Programs opened recently at 14291 W Grand Avenue Ste 119 Surprise, AZ 85374 with a new phone number of 623-584-5990.

Sharon Atwood, from Radiant Church, reported that they would like to offer their facilities for an Emergency Preparedness for Individuals with Disabilities and the Elderly Summit in late October. She suggested offering products that would assist individuals in the event of an emergency.

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

Commissioner Nielson reported that Ameriserve International has been awarded a contract to provide family centered services to families with children who have traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injuries and special health care needs.

5. **AGENDA**

- A. Presentation from Community and Recreation Services on DreamCatcher Park – Mark Coronado, CRS Director  
Mr. Coronado reported that three benches have been installed near the DreamCatcher Park drop-off zone. Shade structures will be installed over these with wheelchair access on each side of the benches.
  
- B. Presentation from Community and Recreation Services on New Parks and Adaptive Recreation Activities – Paul Frie, CRS Recreation Supervisor  
Mr. Frie and Joe Gladioux, from Adaptive Recreation, reported on the success of the recently Buddy Ball and the programs award for the “Arizona Parks and Recreation 2007 Outstanding Program of the Year”.
  
- C. Presentation from Community Development Department on how the new National Standards affect the efforts of the Commission – Forrest Fielder, CD Building Official  
Mr. Fielder reported on changes in the new 2006 International Code in relation to accessibility. Some examples include an increase in accessible entrances from 50% to 60% and required accessibility in sales trailers and homes that become offices or retail space. Exits in new apartments and hotels are also now required to be fully compliant with accessibility requirements. Mr. Fielder reported that the most important amendment in the package is the joint reference to (3) standards – 2006 IBC, AZDAG, and ANSI A117.1-2003 – and the requirement to comply with the provision(s) that provide the greatest degree of accessibility.
  
- D. Report on the Concept of Visitability – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate  
Ms. Bowles reported on the three basic features in a “visitable” home: one entrance with zero steps, 32” of clear passage through all interior doors, including bathrooms and at least a half bath on the main level with a basic level of maneuvering space (30x48”). Slides were shown to demonstrate how these look in a standard home. Ms. Bowles reported that she and Forrest Fielder would be attending a Visitability conference on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bowles will report back in September.
  
- E. Report on the Roadrunner Basketball Team – Commissioner Hill  
Commissioner Hill reported on the progress on the Roadrunner Basketball Team. They were recently added to the NWBA organization and will have their first tournament in San Diego from October 26-28, 2007. Four teams will then come to Surprise for a local tournament being held December 8-9, 2007. They are hoping to have a local tournament again in March 2008.
  
- F. Discussion and Possible Action on the Northwest Valley Inclusion Project– Commissioner Nielson  
Commissioner Nielson and Ms. Bowles reported that the Chamber Board was in support of the Inclusion Project and progress was being made. Ms. Bowles attended the August 14<sup>th</sup> Chamber breakfast and will be doing a 30-minute presentation at the September 11<sup>th</sup> one. Two appointments for accessibility indexing have been made and more should be completed by the next meeting.

G. Update on Executive Order for Higher Construction and/or Design Standards/Guidelines for City Facilities – Jean Poe, Risk Manager  
Ms. Poe reported that the new procedures for completing an Executive Order have been approved and the Executive Order for Accessibility Guidelines is awaiting signatures from the Legal Department and the City Manager. Ms. Poe will report back next month with an update.

H. Report on the City of Surprise Citizen’s Corp – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

Ms. Bowles reported on the recent development of a federally mandated Citizen’s Corp and the subcommittee related to disability preparedness. Both Ms. Bowles and Chairperson Szvetits are on the subcommittee and will be working with representatives from Radiant Church, Joni and Friends and the Salvation Army to conduct an Emergency Preparedness Summit in October or November, 2007.

**6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2007**

Agenda items for the next meeting will include:

- Public Comments
- Current Events and Reports by Commissioners or Staff
- Presentation from Legal Department on Open Meeting Law
- Review of Strategic Plan and 2008 Action Plan
- Report on new city parks
- Commissioner Hill’s report on the Wheelchair Basketball Team
- Commissioner Nielsen’s report on the Northwest Valley Inclusion Project
- Update on Executive Order for Higher Construction and/or Design Guidelines for City Facilities
- Report on the Citizen’s Corp Emergency Preparedness Summit preparations
- Report on the concept of “Visitability”

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Szvetits adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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Gustav Szvetits, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

*Nanette Bowles*  
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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, August 15, 2007.**

*Nanette Bowles*  
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Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate