



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission
Wednesday, October 17, 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:

Jim Olmsted, Vice-Chair
Wayne Nielsen
Michelle Lewis
Scott Hjalmervik

Members Absent:

Gustav Szvetits, Chairperson
Barbara Porter
Ken Hill

Staff Present:

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

Staff Absent:

Jean Poe, Risk Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Olmsted 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, October 17, 2007.

2. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 MINUTES**

Chairperson Szvetits called for approval of the September 19, 2007 minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Hjalmervik. Motion approved 4-0.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sharon Atwood, from Radiant Church, reported that they are very interested in assisting the Roadrunner Basketball team in selling promotional shirts to help them raise money for the team. She also reported that their Church will be promoting the January 12th Emergency Preparedness Summit in their newsletters.

4. **CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Lewis reported on recent topics in the newspaper. These included a front page article in the October 14, 2007 issue of The Arizona Republic on the work of the Phoenix Children's Hospital. The other article, found in the October 17, 2007 Surprise Today related to a local fundraiser for leukemia.

Commissioner Hjalmervik reported back on the approval for his participation in a program through Wal-Mart. It allows employees to volunteer their time for an organization (25 hours over a 6 month period) then donates \$250 to it. Mr. Hjalmervik

would like to donate his time to work related to the Commission then have the money donated to it.

Commissioner Olmstead reported that Sun City Grand is in the processing of reviewing its parking lots for sufficient accessible parking.

5. **AGENDA**

A. Presentation on Open Meeting Law and Roberts Rules of Order – Julie Kriegh, Deputy City Attorney

The presentation was postponed to the December 5, 2007.

B. Report on the Roadrunner Basketball Team – Commissioner Hill

The presentation was postponed to the December 5, 2007.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on the Northwest Valley Inclusion Project– Commissioner Nielson

Commissioner Nielson reported that meetings have continued and progress is being made on the “Access Northwest Valley” project. A domain name for the website is being reserved and recent publicity in the Surprise Independent has increased interest. Ms. Bowles added that she will be speaking on the topic to a group of small business owners at their November 13th meeting through Economic Development.

D. Update on Executive Order for Accessibility Guidelines for City Facilities – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

Ms. Bowles reported that progress is being made on the Executive Order and that more will be reported by Jean Poe at the December 5th meeting.

E. Discussion and Possible Action on Use of Enhancement Funds for Stadium Automatic Door Openers– Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

MOTION: Commissioner Nielson motioned to approve the sum of \$15,660 for automatic door openers at the stadium, contingent upon the request first being made to the Royals and Rangers, via staff from CRS. Second was made by Commissioner Hjalmervik. Passed 4-0.

F. Discussion and Possible Action on Use of Enhancement Funds for Public Safety Lobby Restroom Automatic Door Openers– Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

MOTION: Commissioner Nielson motioned to approve the sum of \$23,920 for automatic door openers at the stadium, contingent upon the request first being made to the Royals and Rangers, via staff from CRS. Second was made by Commissioner Lewis. Passed 4-0.

G. Visitability Subcommittee Report– Commissioner Olmstead

Commissioner Olmstead gave a brief overview on the concept of visitability or “easy living”, which is the preferred term by the subcommittee. He reported on the progress from the subcommittees first meeting and stated that

representatives from the group would be speaking at an upcoming Home Builders meeting at City Hall. He also announced that the City of Tucson just passed an "Inclusive Home Design Ordinance" that will go into effect on January 1st, 2008.

- H. Update on Recent Proclamations – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate
Ms. Bowles reported that, since the June 14, 2007 Person First Proclamation, educational posters are being displayed on staff bulletin boards and all new staff receive the Person First bookmark at New Employee Orientation. Also, the Disability is Natural website posted an article about the proclamation in their September newsletter and ABIL will do the same in their November issue.

Since the September 27, 2007 Disability Awareness Month Proclamation, the City has and is conducting a 5-part series on topics such as hearing loss, vision loss, cognitive and mobility disabilities. The response has been positive and summaries of each topic are posted on the Intranet for those not able to attend.

- I. Citizen's Corp Council Report – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate
Ms. Bowles reported that coordination for the Surprise Citizens Corp Council Emergency Preparedness Summit for Individuals with Disabilities is underway. The event will be held on January 12, 2008 at Radiant Church and include a general session and break out sessions. Both Radiant and Sun City Grand will be promoting this event soon.
- J. Discuss and Possible Action on combining Nov. and Dec. meetings
MOTION: Commissioner Nielson motioned to combine the November and December 2007 Commission meetings to one meeting on December 5th.
Second was made by Commissioner Lewis. Passed 4-0.

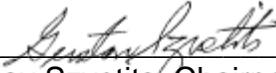
6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 17, 2007

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
- Commissioner Hill's report on the Wheelchair Basketball Team
- Commissioner Nielsen's report on the Access Northwest Valley Project
- Update on Executive Order for Higher Construction and/or Design Guidelines for City Facilities
- Update of Use of Enhancement Funds for Automatic Door Openers at the Stadium and Public Safety Building.
- Easy Living Subcommittee Report
- Report on the Citizen's Corp Council

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairperson Olmsted adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.



Gustav Szvetits, Chairperson

ATTEST:



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, October 17, 2007**.



Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate