



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission
Wednesday, April 16, 2008 - 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, Chairperson
Scott Hjalmervik
Barbara Porter
Michelle Lewis

Staff Present:

Jean Poe, Risk Manager
Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

Members Absent:

Wayne Nielsen
Ken Hill

Staff Absent:

Michael Schrock, Director, Management & Budget

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Olmsted called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Surprise City Hall, Classroom, 12425 W. Bell Road, D-100, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

2. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 20, 2008 MINUTES**

Chairperson Olmsted called for approval of the March 19, 2008 minutes.

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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A very new Surprise resident, Roland Winters, commented on his recent relocation to Surprise from Orange County, CA. He commended the City on being very accessible.

4. **CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Lewis spoke of starting a support group for late-deafened adults.

Commissioner Hjalmervik brought materials on visitability to share with the Commission.

5. **AGENDA**

A. Report on the Transportation Letter of Support from the Disability Advisory Commission – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

Ms. Bowles reported that the draft transportation support letter read to the Commission on 3/19/08 was modified according to their feedback. This letter was delivered to the City Council, as requested.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Commission Positions– Jean Poe, Risk Manager

Ms. Poe reported that, per the Legal Department, the vacant Vice-Chair position does not have to be filled until July, when the new members start, as long as this does not hinder the business of the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Porter moved to postpone filling the Vice-Chair position to the July 16th meeting. Second by Commissioner Hjalmervik. Passed 4-0.

C. Report on the Roadrunner Basketball Team – Commissioner Hill
Commissioner Hill was not available to report.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on the Northwest Valley Access Project– Commissioner Nielson

Ms. Bowles reported that the Northwest Valley Access committee will have its next meeting on April 24th to get the program moving along again.

E. Community Education Report – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

Ms. Bowles reported that the following occurred in the last month:

- March 25th Rotary Club breakfast
- April 7th Disability Awareness Training and Human Services/Disability Fair
- April 11th Awareness Training for the Police Department
- April 11th Staff Sign Language Graduation

Upcoming events include:

- April 17th-mini Emergency Preparedness for Seniors
- April 28th Council Conversation with Councilmen Longabaugh
- April 30th, May 20-22nd Awareness Training for Police then Fire
- June 3rd City Academy
- June 10th Training for Dial-a-Ride
- June 10th & 20th Sign Language Training for Police

F. Discussion and Possible Action on Visitability – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

Ms. Bowles presented an Update Letter to the Commission that updated City Management of the progress related to visitability. This includes efforts to make new model homes visitable and well as a future workshop with the Homebuilders Association to look at a potential ordinance.

G. Discussion and Possible Action on the Enhancement Fund – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

Ms. Bowles reported on two projects for consideration. These included:

MOTION: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve funds to install count-down crosswalk signals at 20 intersections. Second by Commissioner Hjalmervik. Passed 4-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve funds to install accessible play equipment at the Community Park as well as pebble-

flex material, as needed. Second by Commissioner Porter. Passed 4-0.

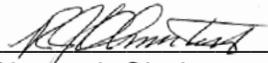
6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 21, 2008

Agenda items for the next meeting will include:

- Public Comments
- Current Events and Reports by Commissioners or Staff
- Commissioner Hill's Report on the Wheelchair Basketball Team
- Commissioner Nielsen's Report on the Access Northwest Valley Project
- Disability Advocate Report on Community Education
- Visitability Subcommittee Report
- Quarterly ADA Report
- Budget Report

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Olmsted adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



Jim Olmsted, 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, April 16, 2008**.



Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate