



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission
Tuesday, May 27 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 Hjalmerik
Barbara Porter
Michelle Lewis
Ken Hill

Staff Present:

Jean Poe, Risk Manager
Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

Members Absent:

Wayne Nielsen

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Olmsted called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Surprise City Hall, Classroom, 12425 W. Bell Road, D-100, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

2. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2008 MINUTES**

Chairperson Olmsted called for approval of the April 16, 2008 minutes.

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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

4. **CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Lewis spoke of starting a support group for late-deafened adults through the Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA). They need 5 members to start a Chapter in the Surprise area.

Chairmen Olmsted spoke to trying to contact the attorney in Tucson that assisted in passing the Inclusive Home Design Ordinance to gather more information.

Jean Poe informed the Commission that there were more applicants than open positions for the Commission. The interview process should be complete by the June 18th meeting and the new members' first meeting would officially be July 16th.

Nanette Bowles announced that there were be a dinner at 5 pm on June 18th, prior to the 6 pm meeting. The dinner will be held in the classroom.

5. **AGENDA**

- A. Report on the Roadrunner Basketball Team – Commissioner Hill
Commissioner Hill reported that the team is practicing this summer for the next season, which starts in August. They are hoping for a City tournament in December. They also recently found out that they do not need to be incorporated to accept donations as a 501c3 because they have applied as a non-profit social club. This new status will assist the team in collecting the money needed to continue.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action on the Access Northwest Valley Project– Commissioner Nielson
Ms. Bowles reported that the Northwest Valley Access committee is continuing to meet and is working with a Chamber volunteer to help promote the project.
- C. Community Education Report – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate
Ms. Bowles reported that the following occurred in the last month:
- 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
- Upcoming events include:
- June 3rd City Academy
 - June 10th Training for Dial-a-Ride
 - June 10th & 20th Sign Language Training for Police
- D. Budget Report – Jean Poe, Risk Manager
Ms. Poe reported that the request for another year of Enhancement Funds appears unchallenged. The Council will do the final budget approval of June 12th but it seems the Commission will receive monies again this year for enhancement projects.
- E. Quarterly ADA Audit Report – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate
Ms. Bowles reported that 24 items were completed in the 3rd quarter of FY08. To date, of the 429 items identified, a total of 293 items have been complete and another 79 have been modified.
- F. Discussion and Possible Action on Visitability – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate
Ms. Bowles informed that Commission that a workshop will be scheduled between City staff and the Homebuilders Association to work out details for a future ordinance. For now, Chapter 125, when it passes, will require new developments to ensure visitability in all of their model homes.
- G. Discussion and Possible Action on the Enhancement Fund – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate
Ms. Bowles updated the Commission on the current projects and requested additional funds for the purchase of 6 additional count-down crosswalks. With these, 26 will be complete and only 8 intersections remain in need of these

retrofit devices to ensure their uniformity throughout the City. All new intersections will be required to have these installed during construction.

MOTION: Commissioner Hill moved to approve funds to install count-down crosswalk signals at 6 intersections. Second by Commissioner Porter. Passed 5-0.

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 18, 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
- Enhancement Fund Report

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Olmsted adjourned the meeting at 6:40 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 **Tuesday, May 27, 2008.**



Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate