



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission
Wednesday April 15, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.
Surprise City Hall – Council Chambers
12425 W. Bell Road, D-100
Surprise, Arizona 85374

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members Present:

Wayne Nielsen, Chair
Scott Hjalmerik
Jacob Taylor
Michelle Lewis

Staff Present:

Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate
Paul Frie, CRS Sports & Adaptive Rec. Div.
Manager
Joe Gladieux, Adaptive Recreation
Supervisor

Members Present:

Ken Hill, Vice Chair
Tracy Smith
Michelle Hernandez

A. **ROLL CALL**

Chairman Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Surprise City Hall, Classroom, 12425 W. Bell Road, D-100, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday April 15, 2009.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

C. **CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS**

There were no current events or reports.

D. **STAFF REPORTS**

1. Staff Update and Reports

Disability Advocate Nanette Bowles reported on three items:

- a. The winner of the Accessible America Award was announced by the National Organization on Disabilities. Though the City of Surprise was honored to be chosen as one of the top seven finalists, Indianapolis, Indiana won first place this year.
- b. The Compassionate Surprise Series Fair Housing Workshop was postponed to Saturday April 25th from 1-3 pm. This free event will be held at the Surprise Senior Center.
- c. A Leadership Summit for Teens with Disabilities will be held on May 2nd at Imagine Prep School from 1-5 pm. This is being coordinated by a group of high school students that have participated in the Community Youth Leadership Program. Speakers include Councilman Longabaugh and Vice-Chair Hill.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Jim Olmsted announced that he and Disability Advocate Nanette Bowles would be presenting to members of ten support groups at the April 16th Services and Assistance Forum. Topics will include emergency preparedness, housing, caregiver resources, home safety, etc.

E. APPROVAL OF MARCH 16, 2009 MINUTES

Chairman Nielsen called for approval of the March 16, 2009 minutes.

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

AGENDA

2. Access Northwest Index Report – Chairman Nielsen
Per Chairman Nielsen's request Ms. Bowles discussed the progress being made with the Access Northwest Index. To date, an accessibility assessment has been completed at 33 businesses formally. The website is still experiencing some difficulties so efforts to promote the program are on hold until this is fixed. In the meantime, a meeting with representatives from Sun City Grand produced an upcoming day, April 24th, where Ms. Bowles will do accessibility assessments on all Grand owned facilities, including the golf courses and community centers.
3. Adaptive Recreation Report – Commissioner Taylor
Commissioner Taylor reported that an Adaptive Camping trip on April 25th and 26th, Spring Social Dance on April 18th, Memorial Day Parade Buddy Sports Series on May 23rd coming up in the next few weeks through the Community & Recreation Services Department.
4. ALDA (Arizona Late-Deafened Adults) Report – Commissioner Lewis
Commissioner Lewis reported that their first west valley ALDA meeting was on April 4th at the Surprise Senior Center. Six people attended this event, included some who had never attended this type of group. The meeting went very well and everyone was pleased that captioning was provided. The next meeting will be in Tucson on May 30th and in Phoenix in November.
5. Community Education and Resource Development Report – Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Smith was not present to give a report.
6. Roadrunner Basketball Team Report– Vice Chair Hill
Vice Chair Hill was not present to give a report. Ms. Bowles however reported that the group will start practicing twice a month instead of weekly. They have also agreed to hold a practice on Saturday May 2nd at the Imagine Prep gym during the Leadership Summit for Teens with Disabilities. In doing so, they will be on the Summit agenda to demonstrate their skills and talk about team work. Participants will be able to watch, practice playing in their own wheelchairs or use extra wheelchairs to practice with the team.

7. Section 8 Housing Report – Commissioner Hjalmerik
Commissioner Hjalmerik reported that he will be doing research on resources within Surprise.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on the Strategic Plan – Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate

Ms. Bowles presented the updated items related to the Key Action Item: Access, as per their feedback at the March 18th meeting. Commissioner Lewis made the following motion:

MOTION: I move to approve the presented revision of the "Strategic Plan Key Result Area: Access" to be incorporated into the final Revised Strategic Plan that will be presented to Mayor and Council. Second by Commissioner Taylor. Four votes yes. No votes no. Motion carried.

Eighteen individuals have completed the Public Transportation and Mobility survey to provide feedback on the areas they feel are important to this part of the Strategic Plan. Feedback will continue to be collected over the next month, including a ranking of priorities for each of the items originally listed in the document.

F. AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 15, 2009

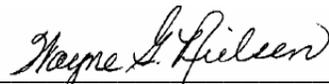
Agenda items for the next meeting will include:

- Public Comments
- Current Events and Reports by Commissioners or Staff
- Staff Report
- Commissioner Taylors Report on Adaptive Recreation
- Commissioner Hjalmerik Report on Section 8 Housing
- Commissioner Hill's Report on the Wheelchair Basketball Team
- Commissioner Nielsen's Report on the Access Northwest Valley Project
- Commissioner Smiths Report on Community Education & Resource Development
- Commissioner Lewis' Report on ALDA (Arizona Late-Deafened Adults)
- Commissioner Hernandez Report on Community Access
- Discussion and Possible Action on the Revision of the Strategic Plan

G. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm, second by Commissioner Hjalmerik. Motion approved 4-0.

Chairman Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Wayne Nielsen, 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 15, 2009**.

Nanette Bowles

Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate