



City of Surprise  
Disability Advisory Commission  
Wednesday September 16, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.  
*Northwest Regional Library*  
*16089 N. Bullard Avenue*  
*Surprise, Arizona 85374*

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### Members Present:

Wayne Nielsen, Chair  
Ken Hill, Vice Chair  
Scott Hjalmerik  
Michelle Lewis  
Jacob Taylor

### Staff Present:

Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate  
Paul Frie, CRS Sports & Adaptive Rec. Div. Manager

### Members Absent:

Michelle Hernandez  
Tracy Smith

### A. **ROLL CALL**

Chairman Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Northwest Regional Library, 16089 N. Bullard Ave, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Wednesday September 16 2009.

### B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### C. **CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS**

There were additional events or reports.

### D. **STAFF REPORTS**

Disability Advocate Nanette Bowles reported on the following items:

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Basic Sign Language class finished on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. The next class is scheduled for Nov. 5-Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ADA Coordinators Conference-135 professionals from around the state have registered for this October 1<sup>st</sup> event. Three representatives from Washington DC are among the speakers. Approximately \$25,000 was raised in registration fees, sponsorship packages and in-kind donations.
- On November 14<sup>th</sup>, an Emergency Forum will be held for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. This event will include presentations from the Surprise Police and Fire Departments as well as the 911 Dispatch Supervisor and AZ Relay. The goal is to prevent emergencies but also be prepared when they happen.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Compassionate Surprise Series: "Autism & Applied Behavior Analysis" was held on Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Between 65-68 people attended this 2 ½ hour workshop. The responses were very positive. Several people signed up for the Special Needs Database also. Topics for the next few workshops include: October 24-Job Seeking Skills and December 19-Diabetes.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no public comments.

## **E. AGENDA**

### 1. Approval of the August 19, 2009 Minutes – Chairman Nielsen

Chairman Nielsen called for approval of the August 19, 2009 minutes.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Hill moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Hjalmervik. Motion approved 5-0.

### 2. Commissioner Reports

#### a. Adaptive Recreation Report – Commissioner Taylor

Commissioner Taylor reported on the following:

- Buddy Baseball Thursday nights and Saturday mornings.
- Special Olympics State Fall games held here in Surprise and the surrounding areas October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
- Buddy Soccer registration is under way. The season begins October 28 and the cost is \$20 for residents
- Adaptive Fishing Derby November 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins October 12<sup>th</sup> for this free event.
- Power Wheelchair Soccer practice the first and third Saturdays of the month at Countryside Recreation Center from 4-5:30 pm

Ms. Bowles then showed the group a short video compilation of various adaptive recreation photos to help the group see all the activities offered by the Department.

#### b. Fair Housing Report – Commissioner Hjalmervik

Commissioner Hjalmervik reported that he has been researching additional websites related to fair housing including <http://www.fairhousing.com/> and <http://www.fairhousingfirst.org/index.asp>.

#### c. Roadrunner Basketball Team Report– Vice Chair Hill

Vice Chair Hill reported that the Roadrunners are now in “conditioning mode” and will practice each Sunday as they prepare for upcoming tournaments. He encouraged people to come watch them practice and especially to attend the tournaments. The next one in Surprise will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Valley Vista High School.

#### e. ALDA (Arizona Late-Deafened Adults) Report – Commissioner Lewis

Commissioner Lewis reported the next ALDA meeting will be held in Surprise, at the Senior Center, on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Sonora ALDA, the local chapter, is now at an International Level so she will be going to Seattle in October to represent the group.

f. Access Northwest Index Report – Chairman Nielsen

Chairman Nielsen reported that a lot of hard work has been going into developing the website for this project and the Chamber is hoping to get a new system up and running soon with the new Director on board.

3. Presentation from Arizona Relay Service – Lisa Furr, Outreach Coordinator

Ms. Lisa Furr started off by presenting an award to Commissioner Michelle Lewis for all of her efforts in the late-deafened community. She went on to demonstrate the various types of services offered by Arizona Relay for those who have various degrees of hearing or speech difficulties and answered questions for the audience.

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

Ms. Bowles facilitated a discussion on the Strategic Plan Key Result Area: Communication and Awareness. Of the 18 items originally listed under this topic, the draft proposal breaks these down into the following categories:

1. Community Education & Outreach
2. Staff Education & Outreach
3. Business Education & Outreach
4. General Communication and Awareness
5. Communication with the Disability Advisory Commission

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Hill moved to accept the revisions as presented, second by Commissioner Hjalmerik. Motion approved 5-0.

F. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 21, 2009**

Agenda items for the next meeting will include:

- Public Comments
- Current Events and Reports by Commissioners or Staff
- Staff Report
- Approval of the September 16, 2009 Minutes
- Commissioner Reports, including the following areas of focus:
  - Access Northwest Valley Project
  - Adaptive Recreation
  - ALDA (Arizona Late-Deafened Adults)
  - Community Access
  - Community Education & Resource Development
  - Fair Housing
  - Roadrunners Wheelchair Basketball Team
- Discussion on the Transition Plan
- Discussion and Possible Action on the Revision of the Strategic Plan
- Consideration and action on items to be placed on future agendas

G. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Hill moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm, second by Commissioner Taylor. Motion approved 5-0.

Chairman Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

*Wayne J. Nielsen*

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Wayne Nielsen, 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 September 16, 2009**.

*Nanette Bowles*

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Nanette Bowles, Disability Advocate