



City of Surprise
Disability Advisory Commission
Wednesday March 17, 2010 - 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
Tracy Smith
Jacob Taylor
Michelle Hernandez

Staff Present:

Paul Frie, CRS Sports & Adaptive Rec. Div. Manager
Joe Gladieux CRS Adaptive Recreation Supervisor

Members Absent:

Michelle Lewis

A. ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. at the Northwest Regional Library, 16089 N. Bullard Ave, Surprise, Arizona 85374.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

Adaptive Recreation Report – Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner Taylor reported that April 26th is the start of registration for all summer adaptive special interest classes. Saturday April 24th power soccer will be hosting practice at Countryside Recreation center at 4 pm.

Fair Housing Report – Commissioner Hjalmerik
Nothing to report at this time

Accessibility-Commissioner Hernandez
Nothing to report at this time

Commissioner Smith reported on her personal creation of a contact list consisting of disability related resources here in Surprise. Commissioner Smith also reported on the possibility of a visit Terry Goddard to speak on the role of a commission and how they can positively impact the community through their actions and roles. This prompted a discussion amongst the commission and some concerns were expressed on how it could be done so it is not a political event and everyone would come away with a positive experience.

Surprise Road Runners Basketball Team- Vice Chair Hill

Nothing to report at this time.

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

No report

Access Northwest Index Report – Chairman Nielsen reported Chamber of Commerce is in the process of changing buildings and staff so the Access Northwest is on a 90 day hold until they get settled. Chairmen Nielson expressed thoughts on how the Commission would continue to support the project even though the city is unavailable to delegate funds or staff to the project.

D. STAFF REPORTS Joe Gladieux presented a staff report to the commission on the following topics:

- Transition plan update; Forms have been submitted to legal department for review in regards to adding a new computer based request for accommodations and to file a formal ADA complaint.
- The monthly Deaf Community of Surprise meeting was held at Sierra Montana Recreation center on April 6th.
- Buddy Tennis finished up its 2nd season with an award ceremony held on April 7th. 29 athletes participated in this year's program.
- Bambino Buddy Baseball held its final game of the year on April 10th. An awards ceremony followed each of the games to recognize the athletes, coaches and Buddies. 164 people participated in this award winning program.
- The adaptive outreach program held its first ever "Adaptive Outreach Softball Tournament" at Dream Catcher Park. The non competitive tournament consisted of 6 teams from Phoenix and two Surprise teams. Approximately 175 participants joined in on the event on April 15th.
- April 17th and 18th was the 3rd annual Adaptive Family Camp Outing. 30 people participated in this year's event at The White tank Mountain Regional Park
- The monthly Deaf Senior Citizens Social of Surprise was held at Villanueva Recreation Venter on April 20th. Approximately 32 participants in attendance
- The Adaptive Outreach Sports section held its final sports day of the school year on April 21st at Dream Catcher Park. 120 special education students participated in various relay races and fun social play.
- Paul Frie presented to the Mayor in Council on behalf of the Disability Advisory Commission about the past present and future of the Disability Advisory Commission.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public attendees

E. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were on consent

REGULAR AGENDA – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Approval of the March 17th, 2010 Minutes

Chairmen Nielson called for approval of the March 17, 2010 minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Jacob Taylor moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion approved 6-0.

2. Discussion and possible action to nominate a chair and potentially a vice chair for the D.A.C.

Paul Frie CRS Recreation Manager reported the commission about the status of several commission members and the fact that several will be coming due to resubmit or step down in June. Paul explained to the commission that via the city clerk request he would like to know the intentions of the commission in regard to staying on the commission or if the intent was to leave. With the approximate 11 commissions/boards it is quite a lengthy process to interview all of the applicants to fill the vacancies. This early question of intent will allow for planning for the future and will make it a smoother transition for everyone involved in the process. The commission has three members who's terms will be up come June and one member has expressed his desire to leave the commission upon the completion of his term.

It is also the intent of this discussion to see who would be willing to step up and accept responsibilities through the commission if they are nominated to fill the chair or vice chair position in the upcoming months. Vice chair Hill explained that due to work commitments he would not be willing to take on the vice chair position. Commissioners Hernandez and Smith had no reservations on taking on either of the chair positions. Commissioner Hjalmerik and Taylor refrained from answering at this time on the topic in order to think about the possibilities.

Chairman Nielson made the point that he believes anyone who is elected to be chair should be someone who has been a member of the commission for at least a year. Chairman Nielson also requested that Joe Gladieux Adaptive Recreation Supervisor contact Michelle Lewis and see what her intentions are on the matter.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to table the elections of new chair positions until June. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.

3. Discussion and possible action on the commissions need for business cards.

The commission was unanimous that they think it would be beneficial and worth the cost to have business cards printed up for the commission to use.

Commissioner Smith asked if it would be possible to add a blank line to write in names to the format of the card for ease of use.

4. Discussion and possible action to hold the Disability Advisory Commission meetings in an alternative format.

The commission talked about the possibilities of making the meetings more convenient and cheaper to hold for everyone. Some of the concerns that came up would be the accessibility to the public and computer costs if we changed to an online format. Commissioner Hill expressed his opinion that he would be in support of an alternative meeting schedule as previously discusses. Commissioner Hernandez is open to the idea but is concerned about public access. Chairmen Nielson also express his concerns about public access to the meetings. Commissioner Hernandez is in favor of the most user friendly atmosphere and would like to use city hall facilities.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to table the discussion on alternative meeting possibilities. Commissioner Hill seconds the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Potential agenda items for May were discussed and include:

- Public Comments
- Current Events and Reports by Commissioners or Staff
- 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
- Staff Report
- Approval of minutes
- Consideration and action on items to be placed on future agendas
- Northwest Valley Project
- Committee Reports
- Leadership Roles of the Commission Members for the future
- Alternative Meeting Format possibilities
- Education item on possibly inviting Terry Godard to speak at a commission meeting

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Chair Hill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm, second by Commissioner Taylor. Motion approved 6-0.

Chairman Nielson adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Wayne Nielsen, Chairperson

CERTIFICATION:

I, Joe Gladieux, Adaptive Recreation Supervisor 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, February 17, 2010.**

Joe Gladieux, Recreation Supervisor