



City of Surprise  
Disability Advisory Commission  
Wednesday November 17, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.  
*Northwest Regional Library*  
*16089 N. Bullard Avenue*  
*Surprise, Arizona 85374*

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### Members Present:

Chair: Michelle Hernandez  
Ken Hill,  
Scott Hjalmervik  
Jacob Taylor

### Staff Present:

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

### Members Absent:

Wayne Nielsen, Vice Chair  
Michelle Lewis

### **A. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. at the Northwest Regional Library, 16089 N. Bullard Ave, Surprise, Arizona 85374.

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

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

- a. Adaptive Recreation Report – Commissioner Taylor : Nothing to report at this time.
- b. Fair Housing Report – Commissioner Hjalmervik: Nothing to report at this time
- c. Surprise Road Runners Basketball Team- Commissioner Hill reported that his team was traveling to California this weekend and he would have news of how they did at the next meeting. He also reported that they would be hosting their annual tournament on December 11 at Valley Vista High School.
- d. Accessibility-Chairman Hernandez : Nothing reported

### **D STAFF REPORTS Joe Gladioux presented a staff report to the commission on the following topics:**

- October 17-22 Joe attended the National ADA Coordinators Conference in La Jolla California. Items of interest were the classes on the various revisions to the original ADA laws and how they will affect all of us as ADA Coordinators.
- Note of interest-Working with the Department of Justice, President Obama announced two final rules that will amend Americans with Disabilities Act regulations that relate to Title II and Title III of the law. The changes will improve

access to programs and services for people with disabilities. These revisions will take effect March 15, 2011.

- October 31 the adaptive recreation division hosted their 4<sup>th</sup> annual fishing derby at Surprise Lake. The event was a joint effort between the City of Surprise, AZ Game and Fish and the Sun City Grand Fishing Club. Approximately 100 attended.
- October 31 CRS hosted it first ever adaptive “Fall Fest” dance. 75 participants in costumes attended and joined in on the event.
- Joe attended the West Valley Town Hall meeting for Special Olympics in which the states representative discussed all of the new changes and restructuring going on in Arizona.
- Along with the CRS events staff Joe has been going over plans to make sure the Surprise Party (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>) is accessible and enjoyable for all of our residents.
- The ADA coordinator has answered questions that police has had in regards to training staff on disability related topics and possible dates this may occur.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Adaptive Outreach Winter party and Tree Decorating Ceremony being held at Dream Catcher Park. The event consists of 500 local Special Olympic athletes, teachers and volunteers from the Dysart School District and businesses in Surprise. All of you are invited to attend the event.
- The City of Surprise has received \$270,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to provide Emergency Housing Rehabilitation assistance to Surprise residents. Eligible repairs covered under the program include plumbing, electrical, heating, and cooling and accessibility. For eligibility requirements or more information, please contact Jay Brimhall at 623.222.3240 or [jay.brimhall@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:jay.brimhall@surpriseaz.gov)

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

NA

## **E. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were on consent.

## **REGULAR AGENDA – NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Item 1 - Approval of the October 20th, 2010 Minutes**

Chairman Hernandez called for approval of the October 20, 2010 minutes.

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

### **Item 2 - Discussion on the strategic plan revisions.**

Mr. Frie reported that due to the fact we have changed directions in regards to the ADA Coordinator/Disability Advocate it required us to make revisions to the strategic plan that was originally written. The updated plan reflects where we are at now and still focuses on the 7 main areas that were included in the original. Mr. Frie suggested that once we have

a full commission of 7 that we discuss the focus areas and reassign according to interest and personal preference. Ms Hernandez asked if Paul would be assigning the areas of focus and he replied no and that it would be an area of discussion down the road.

Mr. Frie summarized the role for the commission and everyone involved by stating the following: The role of the commission is to focus on policy and vision. Recommending policy and items that you would like to see done. The commission does not get involved with the day to day operations of staff. That is up to members of city staff to handle.

Myself (Paul) and Joe are the liaisons for you as a group to the city council. We will take your recommendations and forward them to the appropriate city staff. This is the standard procedure for all city boards and commissions.

Commissioner Hernandez wanted to thank past commissioners and staff for their efforts in working in the DAC and she would like to see a retreat for everyone to meet and discuss ideas and areas of interest and how it can be beneficial moving forward. The focus of the workshop would be the direction of the group and education on the process and education to work as a group instead of being told what to do.

Mr. Frie recommended we wait until the 7<sup>th</sup> position is full to have the workshop and that we should focus on the strategic plan since it's in our bylaws to complete this.

Joe Gladioux reported that the changes that were made on the strategic plan had to do specific areas and designated tasks that related to the disability advocate and her duties moving forward. Due to the elimination of this position we had to eliminate this from the strategic plan. The major content is still intact and reflects the intentions of the commission as tested previously. Mr. Gladioux confirmed to Commissioner Lewis that no major content areas were changed.

Mr. Gladioux reminded the commission that if they have any questions and comments in regards to the strategic plan feel free to contact him via email or phone.

### **Item 3- FY 11 meeting requirements and Formats**

Mr. Frie updated the commission that we are still waiting for feedback on this topic in regards to public meeting laws etc. We as a commission would have to bring a presentation to the board of ideas and what that would entail to be accepted or denied. Commissioner Hernandez reminded the group that the bylaws state that we meet a minimum of 1 time a quarter and that we should discuss this at a later time possibly a workshop or an agenda item.

Mr. Frie stated that this isn't necessarily an agenda item but he does encourage them to think about future agenda items and that we should not dictate the agenda.

### **Other Business:**

Potential agenda items for January were discussed and include:

Item #1- Communication and consideration to host a workshop to discuss and educate the commission on practices and expectations moving forward in relation to the strategic plan and the 7 areas of focus.

Item #2- Discussion on how we as a Commission can get the public back involved and attending monthly meetings.

Item #3- Discussion on whether or not we can fundraise as a commission to utilize funds for various projects.

### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm, second by Commissioner Hjalmerik. Motion approved 4-0.

Chairman Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Michelle Hernandez 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, November 17, 2010.**

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Joe Gladieux, Recreation Supervisor