



City of Surprise  
Disability Advisory Commission  
Wednesday January 19, 2011 - 6:00 P.M.  
*Northwest Regional Library*  
*16089 N. Bullard Avenue*  
*Surprise, Arizona 85374*

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### Members Present:

Chair: Michelle Hernandez  
Wayne Nielsen, Vice Chair  
Ken Hill,  
Jacob Taylor

### Staff Present:

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

### Members Absent:

Michelle Lewis  
Scott Hjalmerik

## **A. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 : Bambino Buddy Ball will be starting up in February along with Buddy Tennis. Registration can be done at the CRS office Monday through Thursday.
- b. Fair Housing Report – Commissioner Hjalmerik: Absent
- c. Surprise Road Runners Basketball Team- Commissioner Hill reported that the Roadrunner did well in the Surprise tournament and went 2 and 1. The team will be traveling to California on February 5<sup>th</sup> and the league playoffs will begin February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Accessibility-Chairman Hernandez : reported on the Route 660 transit meeting group and how it is a new committee that is getting together to talk about funding options to keep this accessible route functioning.
- e. Access Northwest Index Report – Chairman Nielsen reported there was nothing new to discuss.

## **D. STAFF REPORTS**

Joe Gladieux presented a staff report to the commission on the following topics:

- December 4<sup>th</sup> we held our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Winter party and tree Decorating ceremony at Dream Catcher Park. Approximately 550 participants attended the holiday event.
- The Adaptive Outreach program continues to serve all four High schools in the Dysart School district. Self contained students meet weekly to learn various job and life skills.
- Joe attended the West Valley Special Olympics Coaches meeting on January tenth in Peoria. Items of interest being discussed were the West Valley Basketball Tournament being held in Surprise on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Joe continues to review the CRS ADA assessment that was started last summer. Several more items have been eliminated from the original 106 items.
- Joe has met with Stadium Operations Manager Jim Mallon to talk about the new ADA regulations and how they will affect accessibility in our stadium for spring training this year and in the future.
- Joe has contacted Public works to discuss truncated domes that need repairs in various locations. This is an area that has been changed as well with the ADA regulation.
- Joe contacted a personal ADA trainer in California to see about training our city staff in disability sensitivity and specifically procedures as they relate to the police.
- Joe sat in on interviews with council members for filling a position on the Disability advisory commission.
- Commissioner Michelle Lewis notified Joe that she will regretfully no longer be able to be a part of the Disability Advisory Commission due to health concerns.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**Andy Cepon** addressed the commission about his interest to create additional dog parks here in Surprise. Mr. Cepon explained that he would like to have the Commission's involvement in the design of a new park if it comes to fruition. Cepon also stated he is not looking for funding to help build the park he just wants input from the commission to ensure its accessibility so everyone in Surprise can use it.

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

No items were on consent.

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

#### **Item 1. Approval of the November 17, 2010 Minutes**

Chairman Hernandez called for approval of the November 17, 2010 minutes.

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Agenda item 2 Discussion on how we as a commission can get the public more involved** Vice Chairman Nielson reported that 4 years ago the commission used to have 30-35 participants. He believes this was true because it was easy for residents to attend and having it in the council chambers made this easier to attend.

*Commissioner Hill commented that he believes that the lack of funding and organization seeking funds also played a part in the decrease in attendance.* Vice Chairmen Nielson expressed that the commission needs to be more involved with local activities and other boards to make the Disability Commission more readily know to the public. The commission unanimously requested to have DAC meeting moved to council Chambers.

**Agenda item 3** Discussion on alternate funding options for disability related projects. Paul Frie addressed the commission and explained that we would need exact projects and ideas that the commission has in mind for ways to fund etc. Once that occurs we can see if it is deemed acceptable by city staff and council.

Vice Chairman Nielson stated that he believes that the commission should be careful not to align themselves with a group to raise funds. The Commission is a resource to the city for getting policies recommended or passed.

### **Agenda Item 4 Discussion on the strategic plan revisions.**

Vice Chairman Nielson reported that the areas of focus are fine with the strategic plan but he would like for staff to report back with what we have accomplished to date in the specific areas.

Wayne proposed that staff create this report on updates.

Ken Hill 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous decision to wait for staff report on accomplishments before approving the strategic plan

Joe Gladieux explained that staff would be happy to update the commission on the accomplishments at the next meeting.

Potential agenda items for February were discussed and include:

Item #1 Discussion and possible action on the strategic plan and its components and what the city has done to date to uphold the previous plan.

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

Item #3- Discussion on alternate funding options for various disability related projects.

Item #4 Discussion on how a dog park can be made accessible and user friendly for all of the residents of Surprise.

- Commissioner Reports, including the following areas of focus:
  - Access Northwest Valley Project
  - Adaptive Recreation
  - Community Access
  - Roadrunners Wheelchair Basketball Team

- Fair Housing Report
- Consideration and action on items to be placed on future agendas

G. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Nielson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm, second by Commissioner Hill. Motion approved 4-0.

Chairman Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:06 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, January 19, 2011.**

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Joe Gladieux, Recreation Supervisor