SIERRA VISTA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
JANUARY 14, 2015
CITY MANAGER CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING SUMMARY

Ms. Gannon called the meeting of the Sierra Vista Commission on Disability Issues to order at approximately 3:30 p.m. in the City Manager Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Virginia Gannon, Chair
Salina Bahk, Vice-Chair
Harry Walther
Marshall Harper
Joan Vokins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Summer Morefield

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Peterson-Hosto
Amy Carter

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Donnelly

STAFF LIAISON: Jeff Pregler

COUNCIL LIAISON: Councilmember Alesia Ash

OTHERS PRESENT: Roy Vokins
Kristopher Rangel
Tom Reardon

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mr. Harper motioned to accept the agenda. Mr. Walther seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (5-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. Ms. Vokins motioned to accept the minutes for the December 10, 2014 meeting. Mr. Harper seconded the motion.

   VOTE: Unanimous to accept (5-0).

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION

Mr. Rangel introduced himself as a potential member of the Commission.

Mr. Reardon was in attendance as a member of the public.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Introduction of Alesia Ash as the new City Council liaison**

   Councilmember Ash introduced herself as the new City Council liaison and provided contact information to the Commission.

3. **Recommendation of Kristopher Rangel to the Commission**

   Mr. Walther made the recommendation to appoint Mr. Rangel to the Commission. Mr. Harper seconded the motion.

   VOTE: Unanimous (5-0) to recommend Mr. Rangel to the Commission. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council for final approval.

4. **Review and Discussion of CoDI's proposed Strategic Leadership Plan goals.**

   The Commission was tasked to provide recommendations for goals and objectives that can be included in the upcoming City Council Strategic Leadership Plan. At the previous meeting, Mr. Pregler collected all of the ideas, which were then formatted into potential goals. The Commission discussed these five goals at the meetings. Mr. Pregler initially requested that the Commission rank each of the five goals in level of importance. However, after much discussion, it was decided to remove the rankings and to move the goals forward as written in hopes that the concepts behind the goals can be included and integrated throughout the Strategic Plan document. The five goals are as follows:

   a. Increase disability awareness in the community and provide additional communication opportunities to disabled individuals by educating businesses and the public about disability issues, promoting businesses that provide products and services that help disabled individuals, and using technology to better inform the disabled community about community events and issues.

   b. Consider the needs of the disabled community when constructing and locating bus facilities and scheduling bus routes.

   c. Upgrade public infrastructure, parks, and facilities to meet the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

   d. Create tourism and branding materials that promote the City as a welcoming and friendly City to the disabled community.

e. Create Code language that either requires or incentivizes developers and homebuilders to incorporate universal design standards in all new homes.

Mr. Pregler will include the five goals in a letter from the Commission to Councilmember Ash whom will then take the goals to the City Council retreat in March.

5 **Discussion on CoDI presentation to City Council**

Mr. Pregler stated that the annual CoDI presentation to City Council is scheduled for April and he recommended that Ms. Bahk present the Powerpoint presentation. Mr. Pregler will create a draft presentation for discussion at a future meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Reardon thanked the Commission for all their hard work and dedication. He further stated that he would like to see a Welcome to Sierra Vista sign with a handicapped decal or insignia.

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS, COMMISSION REQUESTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fort Huachuca Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) will be providing Specialized Training of Military Parents (S.T.O.M.P.) in April. This training provides information on special needs education. Specific dates will be provided at a later meeting.

The Commission would like a representative from the school district to discuss special needs programs at the schools.

Cochise County Veterans Stand Down Resource Fair will be in August. Councilmember Ash asked if CoDI could be represented either in the planning committee or at the event. The Stand Down Resource Fair provides information to veterans in need of services.

Require businesses to remove their signs once the business vacates the building.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Ash stated that the Council will be working on the Strategic Plan goals in an upcoming retreat and that the Council will be discussing City branding strategies.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Pregler stated that Ryan Kooi from Vista Transit will be attending the February meeting to discuss the CoDI issues related to the City transit system.

Mr. Pregler stated (1) that the City received a new site plan for Mattress Firm which will be located in the Cochise Crossroads Shopping Center, directly west of Target; (2) the Planning &

Zoning Commission will be having a work session on Tuesday, January 20 to discuss digital signs; (3) Jimmy John's will be opening in the Safeway Shopping Center; (4) a site plan for a Fed/Ex distribution center will be submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 pm.

for Virginia Gannon

Virginia Gannon, Chair

Jeff Pregler, Staff Liaison