

SIERRA VISTA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES  
APRIL 8, 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  
Summer Morefield  
Kristopher Rangel

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Peterson-Hosto  
Jessica Donnelly  
Tom Reardon  
Carla Boyd

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Carter

STAFF LIAISON: Jeff Pregler

COUNCIL LIAISON: Councilmember Alesia Ash (not present)

OTHERS PRESENT: Roy Vokins  
Mary Tieman, Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce,  
Executive Director

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Ms. Vokins motioned to accept the agenda. Mr. Harper seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (6-0). (Ms. Morefield arrived following the vote)

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

1. Mr. Harper motioned to accept the minutes for the March 11, 2015 meeting. Mr. Walther seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (6-0). (Ms. Morefield arrived following the vote)

### **PUBLIC INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Vokins and Ms. Tieman introduced themselves.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2. Nomination of Outback Steakhouse for the Sierra VistAbility Business Award**

Ms. Peterson-Hosto explained that the Outback Steakhouse was nominated for the award because of their accommodations for a family and their autistic child. Specifically, they allow the family to eat at the same table and have the same server for each visit.

Mr. Walther made the motion approve Outback Steakhouse as a recipient of the Sierra VistAbility Business Award. Mr. Rangel seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve (6-0). (Ms. Morefield arrived following the vote)

#### **3. Discussion with Mary Tieman, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce**

Education and recognition of disability issues for businesses is a priority for the Commission. The Commission asked Ms. Tieman and the Chamber of Commerce to help promote these priorities. Ms. Tieman offered to help in achieving these goals. Some of the ideas suggested to educate businesses are to provide training opportunities, provide informational brochures and pamphlets, and provide links to websites and videos. The ideas for additional business recognition include continuing the Sierra VistAbility Award program, and issuing "Disability Friendly Business" stickers to deserving businesses. The Commission will have further discussions on these ideas at future meetings.

#### **4. Discuss CoDI presentation to City Council**

The Commission reviewed their annual presentation to City Council. Mr. Pregler stated that he included additional photos of the accessible playground equipment at Veteran's Park, the accessible playground equipment at Soldier's Creek Park, and the redesigned transit shelters. The CoDI presentation is scheduled for Monday, April 27 at 4:00 pm.

#### **5. NAMI March for Mental Health, Saturday April 25**

The Commission is participating in the March for Mental Health on Saturday, April 25. Mr. Pregler will contact a local embroider to make CoDI t-shirts for the event. He will contact the Commission members once the t-shirts are finished.

## 6. Sierra VistAbility Day 2015

Sierra VistAbility Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Mall at Sierra Vista. The Commission was provided a "coming soon" flyer for the event in both hard copy and electronic copy. The Commission suggested participating in a number of community events to promote Sierra VistAbility Day such as the upcoming West End Fair. The Commission also suggested that the flyers be placed in both the transit and paratransit buses. Mr. Pregler will register the Commission for the West End Fair and coordinate times to cover the booth. One recommendation from the Commission is to show the annual City Council powerpoint presentation at Sierra VistAbility Day.

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Morefield announced the Easter Seals Blake Foundation Mix and Mingle scheduled for Saturday, April 11, at 8:00 pm.

### FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS, COMMISSION REQUESTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Reardon stated that the Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) had two public meetings to discuss prioritizing City services for the upcoming budget year. He indicated that some of the discussions included reducing Transit services, library services, and the Cove hours of operation. He further states that CoDI needs to be advocate to prevent these reductions in services.

The Commission requested that there be a discussion on the requirements for issuance of the "Disability Friendly Sticker" to businesses.

### CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None

### STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Pregler provided information about financial assistance for those with disabilities from DIRECT Independent Living.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 pm.

  
Virginia Gannon, Vice-Chair

  
Jeff Pregler, Staff Liaison

