SIERRA VISTA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
JUNE 19, 2015
SPECIAL MEETING
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING SUMMARY

Ms. Gannon called the meeting of the Sierra Vista Commission on Disability Issues to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. in the City Manager Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Virginia Gannon, Chair
Marshall Harper
Summer Morefield
Kristopher Rangel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Salina Bahk, Vice-Chair
Harry Walther

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Reardon

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Carter
Audrey Peterson-Hosto
Jessica Donnelly
Carla Boyd

STAFF LIAISON: Jeff Pregler

COUNCIL LIAISON: Councilmember Alesia Ash

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy Tritz, President of the local National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (4-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. Mr. Rangel motioned to accept the minutes for the April 8, 2015 meeting. Mr. Harper seconded the motion.

   VOTE: Unanimous to accept (4-0).

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION

Ms. Tritz introduced herself as the president of the local NAMI board.

UPDATES FROM OTHER CITY COMMISSIONS

Mr. Rangel gave an update on the Cultural Diversity Commission. He stated that the Commission is working on a Cultural Diversity Fair.

Mr. Pregler gave an update on the West End Commission and the Environmental Affairs Commission. He stated that the West End Commission is looking for ways to promote the West End residences and businesses. He further stated that the Environmental Affairs Commission discussed opportunities for Low Impact Development and green infrastructure techniques.

Ms. Ash provided an update on the Youth Commission and the Arts & Humanities Commission. She stated that the Youth Commission advises the Commission on matters that pertain to the Youth. The Commission is currently working on an end to the school year youth conference. Ms. Ash Further stated that the Arts & Humanities Commission sponsors the Mayor and City Council Awards which recognizes those organizations and individuals that have great achievements in the arts.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Recommendation of Tom Reardon to the Commission on Disability Issues**

   Mr. Rangel made the motion to recommend Mr. Reardon to the Commission on Disability Issues. Mr. Harper seconded the motion.

   VOTE: Unanimous to approve (4-0).

2. **Nomination of Vista Haircutters for the Sierra VistAbility Business Award**

   Mr. Pregler explained that the owner of Vista Haircutters provided career advice and employment to a disabled individual. Following a year absence due to a car accident, the individual was allowed to return to employment at Vista Haircutters. For these reasons, the owner, Ryan Hightower, is being nominated for the award.

   Mr. Rangel made the motion to recommend Vista Haircutters as the next recipient of the Sierra VistAbility Business Award. Mr. Harper seconded the motion.

   VOTE: Unanimous to approve (4-0).

3. **Discussion on the CoDI/NAMI Partnership**

   Ms. Judy Tritz, the president of the local NAMI board, stated that the organization provides free services to individuals with mental illness and their families. She further states, that the partnership will be beneficial to both organizations. Ms. Tritz invited members of CoDI to the annual NAMI luncheon on Saturday, June 20. The Commission indicated that as part of the

partnership, CoDI will place NAMI events on their website as another avenue of promotion. Mr. Reardon reemphasized the importance of the partnership to combat the stigma of mental illness.

4. **Liaison to additional City Commissions.**

   The Commission is interested in having its members attend additional City Commission meetings to gain a better understanding of their roles in the City and to potentially partner with them on specific issues. Select Commission members will be attending the following Commission meetings:

   Arts & Humanities Commission-Councilmember Ash
   Commission on Cultural Diversity-Mr. Rangel
   Environmental Affairs Commission-Ms. Carter
   Library Advisory Commission-Ms. Morefield
   Planning & Zoning Commission-Mr. Pregler
   Sister Cities Commission-Mr. Reardon
   Tourism Commission-Mr. Harper
   West End Commission-Mr. Rangel
   Youth Commission-Councilmember Councilmember Ash
   Transportation Advisory Commission-Mr. Reardon

5. **Discussion on Criteria for a Disability Friendly Business Sticker**

   This item was tabled until the July 8 meeting.

6. **Sierra VistAbility Day 2015**

   This item was tabled until the July 8 meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS, COMMISSION REQUESTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Ash discussed the budget work sessions and draft budget.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Pregler indicated that the City's Economic Development Director Simone McFarland will be making a presentation at the July meeting.

Mr. Pregler indicated that there would be open-meeting law training available for all interested Commission members. The meeting times will be Thursday, July 23 at 4:00 pm and Thursday, August 6 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 pm.

Virgina Gannon, Vice-Chair

Jeff Pregler, Staff Liaison