

SIERRA VISTA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015
REGULAR MEETING
CITY MANAGER CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING SUMMARY

Ms. Gannon called the meeting of the Sierra Vista Commission on Disability Issues to order at approximately 1:20 p.m. in the City Manager Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Virginia Gannon, Chair
Marshall Harper
Kristopher Rangel
Tom Reardon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Summer Morefield

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Carter

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

STAFF LIAISON: Jeff Pregler

COUNCIL LIAISON: None

OTHERS PRESENT:
Georgie Schumaker
Tricia Schumaker
Gail Houston
Mindy Kraus, Positive ABA
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (4-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. Mr. Harper motioned to accept the minutes for the August 12 meeting. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (4-0).

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION

Georgie Schumaker and Tricia Schumaker introduced themselves.
Mr. McLachlan introduced himself as the new Community Development Director.
Ms. Kraus introduced herself as representing Positive APA.

UPDATES FROM OTHER CITY COMMISSIONS

Ms. Carter gave an update on the Environmental Affairs Commission which had a discussion on the benefits of recycling. Recycling saves the City money by reducing the dumping fees. She encouraged everyone to recycle.

Mr. Pregler gave an update on the Planning & Zoning Commission and stated that the Commission is reviewing proposed amendments to the City's property maintenance and public nuisance codes. Ms. Carter asked about volunteers providing cleanup work for disabled individuals unable to maintain their property. Mr. Pregler stated the Real Wishes is an organization that may provide this help. Mr. Pregler will inquire about additional sources.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Reappointment of Commissioners.

Commission members Rangel and Morefield both requested reappointment to the Commission.

Mr. Reardon made the motion to reappoint Kristopher Rangel and Summer Morefield to the Commission, said terms to expire September 22, 2017. Mr. Harper seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve (4-0)

3. Sierra VistAbility Day 2015.

Mr. Pregler stated that the registration forms to all potential booth holders were distributed at the end of August. As of the time of the meeting, the City received registration forms from 8 different organizations. Mr. Pregler provided the promotional materials for Sierra VistAbility Day and asked the Commission to distribute them to various businesses and organizations in the community. Mr. Pregler spoke with Subway and ordered the food for the event.

Positive ABA will be hosting the panel discussion at Sierra VistAbility Day. Ms. Krause, representing Positive ABA asked for volunteers to sit on the panel and asked for potential discussion questions. Mr. Reardon volunteered to participate in the panel discussion. The Commission brought up the following discussion items: 1) How Disability Awareness Affects Economic Development, 2) Invisible Disabilities and how they have affected or changed your lifestyle, 3) Identifying and addressing the service and product deficiencies in the community.

4. Fundraising Partnership Opportunities with Commission on Cultural Diversity

The individual requesting this item was not in attendance and therefore this item was not discussed.

5. Discussion on CoDI Branding

The City of Sierra Vista has a new brand, "Extraordinary Skies, Uncommon Ground" which is to be featured on all City printed materials. As a result, the current CoDI logo can no longer be included on Sierra VistAbility Day promotional materials or the meeting agendas. Mr. Rangel suggested that the Commission create a new logo that can enhance the new City brand. His suggestion was to create a logo that uses colors similar to that of the City brand and to use the term "Extraordinary Challenges, Uncommon Strength". The Commission will have further discussion on the CoDI brand at a future meeting. Mr. Pregler will check with the Public Information Office about using a variation of City brand for the Commission.

6. Discussion on additional bus stops in the City and additional curb cuts at businesses.

The Commission discussed the lengthy walking distances to bus stops. The Commission recommended that there be more informal bus stops in the City to reduce the walking distance for individuals with disabilities. Informal stops could include a sign with no bus shelter. Mr. McLachlan asked about a bus route system where the rider could wave down the bus at any location along the bus route. Mr. McLachlan will contact Vista Transit about this proposal. There will be future discussion on this item.

It was suggested that a film student ride the bus for a day to portray a day in the life of Vista Transit.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS, COMMISSION REQUESTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Discuss the lack of disability products and services in the community and ways to bridge these gaps.
- National Day Out is Saturday, September 19 at Veterans Memorial Park
- Recycling Day for electronic waste is scheduled for a future date.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

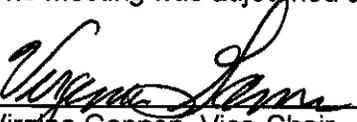
Mr. Pregler mentioned that both Kristopher Rangel and Summer Morefield's reappointment are on the City Council agenda for September 10 at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Pregler gave an update on the current CDBG projects and discussed proposed future projects.

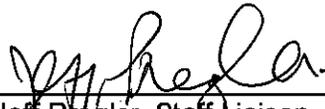
Mr. Pregler also stated that there are currently two vacancies on the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.



Virginia Gannon, Vice-Chair



Jeff Pregler, Staff Liaison