

**SIERRA VISTA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
JANUARY 15, 2016
SPECIAL MEETING
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING SUMMARY**

Mr. Rangel called the meeting of the Sierra Vista Commission on Disability Issues to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristopher Rangel, Chair
Tom Reardon, Vice-Chair
Virginia Gannon
Marshall Harper
Summer Morefield

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Carter
Audrey Peterson-Hosto

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ABSENT: Lois Sagmoe
Jessica Donnelly

STAFF LIAISON: Jeff Pregler

COUNCIL LIAISON: Councilmember Ash (not present)

OTHERS PRESENT: Cheri Weber, Army Community Services (ACS) Director
Bob Thomas, private citizen formerly worked for Cochise County Assessor's Office.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Ms. Gannon motioned to accept the agenda. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (4-0). (Mr. Harper arrived after the vote)

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. Ms. Morefield motioned to accept the minutes for the December 9 meeting. Ms. Gannon seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (5-0).

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION

Audrey Peterson-Hosto introduced Cheri Weber as the new Army Community Services Director.

Bob Thomas introduced himself as a private citizen (former County Assessor employee) that would like to provide information about assessed value property exemptions.

UPDATES FROM OTHER CITY COMMISSIONS

Mr. Rangel gave an update on the West End Commission. He first indicated that there will be a Commission Meet & Greet Brunch on Saturday, January 23 starting at 10:00 am in the Mona Bishop Room at the Library. He next stated that the West End Fair will be on Saturday May 7th. Finally, he mentioned that the new name of the Sorry Gulch saloon will be the Horned Toad.

Mr. Reardon stated that Bisbee created a Homeless Taskforce. As part of this Taskforce a mental health working group was formed which will map out the mental health care system in Cochise County.

Ms. Carter stated that the local National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) will be starting their Family to Family workshop the week on January 18. Ms. Carter also indicated that the Environmental Affairs Commission will be visiting the solar installation on Fort Huachuca in February.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Updating CoDI brochures and reference materials.

Mr. Pregler provided a draft copy of the new CoDI brochure for the Commission to review. Comments were very positive. Mr. Pregler stated that the pictures will be revised and asked that a new group photo be included in the brochure.

Mr. Pregler indicated that the Public Information Office was currently working on rebranding and updating the Sierra VistAbility Business Award nomination form which would be available for the next meeting.

The Commission discussed the updated list for the Resource Guide. The Commission recommended the Disabled American Veterans and the organizations affiliated with the Joint Services Club. Mr. Pregler will contact the Joint Services Club for a list of club members.

Mr. Bob Thomas, former employee of the Cochise County Assessor's Office, stated that Arizona allows a \$3,783 Assessed Value Property Exemption to residents that are either widowed or have a 100 percent total and permanent disability and meet the following criteria: 1) a permanent resident of Arizona; 2) resided in Arizona at the time of spouse's death; 3) total assessed value of all property cannot exceed \$25,708; 4) household income cannot exceed \$31,528. The Commission requested that this information be included on the Resource Guide and that the application forms be available on the CoDI website and at

City Hall. Further, the Commission requested a press release be created to inform the community about the Assessed Value Property Exemption.

3. Criteria for Disabled Friendly Business Stickers.

Mr. Pregler revised the criteria based on comments from the previous meeting. He stated that the Employee and Customer categories were expanded to read Employee Focused and Customer Focused. He also removed the requirement that the employees be trained or certified in American with Disability Act issues and regulations as there is no formal certification process. With the elimination of one of the requirements, the Commission requested that the minimum standard be that the business or organization meets 3 out of the 5 stated benefits with at least one benefit in each category. Mr. Pregler will work with the Chamber of Commerce and the City Public Information Office on creating stickers and nomination forms.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Sierra VistAbility Day 2016.

Mr. Pregler asked the Commission for preferred dates on Sierra VistAbility Day. The Commission recommended either October 22 or October 29. Mr. Pregler will follow up with the Mall at Sierra Vista and the Leisure Services Division to identify any event conflicts. He will provide the Commission with the confirmed date at the next meeting.

5. Annual Update to City Council.

Mr. Pregler stated that the 2016 CoDI update to City Council will be either in March or April. The Commission reviewed the 2015 presentation and provided a number of changes for the 2016 presentation. Mr. Pregler will make the changes and provide a revised presentation at the next meeting.

6. CoDI's 2016 Goals.

This item was tabled until the February meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Peterson-Hosto stated that the Fort Huachuca Army Community Services building replaced the parking lot and is now ADA accessible.

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS, COMMISSION REQUESTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rangel stated that Beth Grady from Cenpatico will be making a presentation to CoDI at the February meeting.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

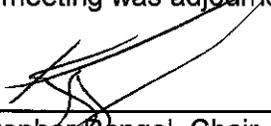
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STAFF COMMENTS

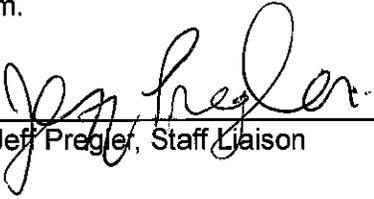
Mr. Pregler stated that Echoing Hope Ranch contacted him about potentially combining a Disability Expo with Sierra Vista Ability Day. He further stated that the City of Show Low is considering the creation of a Disability Commission and contacted him about the role of the Sierra Vista's Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 pm.



Kristopher Rangel, Chair



Jeff Pregler, Staff Liaison