

# Disability Awareness Commission

## Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room

April 15, 2009 3:00pm

### Call to Order

Co-chairperson Farabee called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Commission members present: Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Brad Friez, Nancy Johnson, Vicki Nelson, and Amy Pokela

Commission members absent: Ardell Fiedler and Ted Ornas

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

### Welcome Guests

### Approval of Minutes

**Brooks moved to approve the March 18, 2009, meeting minutes with the correction under public comments – Johnson relayed the information on the \$250 economic recovery payment not Nelson. Carmichael seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.**

### Continuing Business

City/County Training Update – The members reviewed the Ten Commandments video. We will plan the panel participants at the May meeting.

### 2009 Projects Update –

**Raised garden bed project** – The city has several community garden sites. Farabee received information from Michelle Erpenbach about these sites. There are two sites that meet the minimum requirements for ADA accessibility – Leaders Park and one on private property at Southern Hills United Methodist Church. Neither of these has raised beds. It may be possible to establish one at the Falls Park Community Garden site. This may require money for materials, volunteers to construct and some push to get it done.

**Art Exhibit** – The Museum of Visual Materials was suggested as another venue to consider. Also being part of the Trolley Art tour may get more exposure.

**Accessible Gas Station sticker** – Nelson contacted Vicki Kerkvliet about her experiences with gas stations. The ADA requires self-serve stations to provide equal access to customers with disabilities. In order to provide access stations must –

- Provide assistance upon request. They are not required to provide assistance if it is operating on a remote control basis with only one employee, though it is encouraged if possible.
- Let customers know, e.g. using signage, for assistance they can sound their horn or signaling an employee.
- Provide assistance at no additional charge.

Kerkvliet uses Super America at 41<sup>st</sup> & Kiwanis, Get n Go on 57<sup>th</sup> & Cliff and on S. Louise and the Kum & Go at 69<sup>th</sup> & Western. She calls from her cell phone to let them know what pump she is at, if they are too busy or if no one else is there to assist her they will ask her to come at another time. She is not aware of any signage at any gas station directing customers who need assistance on how to proceed.

Hotel Guide Update – No further action has been taking place with this. Members discussed how to proceed. Farabee will contact the Holiday Inn downtown and Brooks will contact the CVB again.

### **New Business**

New Member Recommendations – Staff and the co-chairs met to review the applications that were submitted for the DAC. Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon and Travis Arneson were recommended to the Mayor's office for appointment to the Commission.

### **HRC Report**

The HRC was interested in knowing if the DAC will be applying for the Accessible America award again. They were told we will wait to see how we do in this year's competition. The HRC discussed the pending HUD contract, the PSA for the Humanitarian Award and the HRC. They will be electing officers at their May meeting.

### **Public Comment**

May 7, 2009, a Work Incentive Seminar Event will be held at SD Achieve @ 1:30 – 4:30 pm in the Conference Center Room. This is for people on SSD exploring work options.

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, Pokela moved and Brooks seconded to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2009, @ 3:00pm, HRC Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.