

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
April 18, 2012 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:03PM.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Nancy Johnson, Vicki Nelson and Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon

Commission members absent: Travis Arneson, and Ardell Fiedler

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager and Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

Welcome Guest(s)

Approval of Minutes

Briggs moved to approve the March 21, 2012, meeting minutes; Johnson seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

Committees - Updates –

ARTAbility – Committee = Johnson, Farabee (Chairperson) and Carmichael

The call for art is ready to send. It will still be called the '3rd Annual' even though we didn't have one in 2012.

The dates have been confirmed with MoVM and the reception will be January 27, 2013.

Awareness – Committee = O'Connor, Briggs (Chairperson), Nelson, Johnson

The Committee is working with the NDEAM group on an awareness event for October. Sanford has agreed to be a sponsor and will provide venue and food. Plans are for a breakfast meeting on October 11, 2012.

Briggs has contacted Julie Benz from Avera about awareness training for them. She hasn't heard back yet.

Citizens on Parking Patrol (COPP) – Committee = Farabee (Chairperson), O'Connor

Garry received a call back from the contact in Washington County, Oregon. The Committee will try to meet prior to the next DAC meeting.

Convention Visitor's Bureau (CVB) – Committee = Brooks (Chairperson), Briggs

Brooks met with Garry and drafted a memo to the CVB members that will be sent out with the new guidelines. The information will be forwarded to the CVB and they will email it to their members and send it out in their monthly packets.

Library – Committee = Carmichael (Chairperson), O'Connor

No action taken yet.

Mentoring Day – Committee = Carmichael, Briggs, Moran (Chairperson), Nelson and Sarah Dykstra

Meeting scheduled for May 3.

Website (City's) –Farabee

Staff is meeting on Friday to review and plan changes. Please contact staff before then if you have any suggestions.

White Cane Day – Moran

Event is scheduled for October 13, 2012. It will be at the Plaza @ 13th Street & Phillips Avenue, 10 a. - 1p. There will be a screening of the film *Going Blind* at the Main Library

New Business

The BRN Board of Directors has agreed to include the DAC's logo on their website and possibly link to the DAC's website. Briggs asked if this was something the DAC was interested in seeing happen.

O'Connor moved to have the DAC's logo on the BRN website with a link to the DAC's website. Brooks seconded. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

HRC Report

O'Connor reported that the HRC has a booth for Cinco de Mayo that the DAC can sit at – taking volunteers for two hour shifts.

HRC case reports – thirteen new cases so far this year. There has been one recent mediation with another one pending.

The HRC Education Committee is revising the brochures and working on the website information. They are also determining which service agencies to approach to make a presentation. A power point has already been created to use at these presentations.

The HRC Event Committee has chosen three events to attend this summer – Cinco de Mayo, 5/5; Festival of Cultures, 6/16; and Juneteenth, 6/19.

The Community Connections program learned about the Dept. of Health. Besides the health clinic, this department covers restaurant inspections, food inspections for events held in city parks among other health related work.

The session before this met with the Library staff. There are all kinds of free information available on the library website.

Roundtable/Public Comment

Moran shared about the latest session of the Community Connections. Today they met with Fire Chief Jim Sideras at Fire Headquarters on South Minnesota Avenue. Sioux Falls is one of only 145 accredited fire departments in the US. They typically receive 500 applications for the dozen or so openings they have.

Johnson is looking for work. Her group's budget was cut so her job is being eliminated as of June 1, 2012.

Carmichael talked about the upcoming Polar Plunge - fundraiser for Special Olympics. The local games are May 4 & 5 and the state spring games are May 17th – 19th in Spearfish.

Farabee added that another fundraiser for Special Olympics is 'Casting for Cash' – involves fishing at designated of the Missouri River reservoirs and catching fish that are linked to a cash prize. See Farabee for tickets.

Briggs offered information about the ADA Celebration held 7/26 at Miracle Field (near Covell Lake). This year's will have a carnival and other entertainment.

Briggs also mentioned that Project Search and the BRN are working on a pancake feed for a fundraiser.

Adjournment

Having no further business, **Carmichael moved and Briggs seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2012 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.