

MINUTES

Thursday, January 19, 2017



Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission

12 Noon—1 p.m.
Commission Room
First Floor, City Hall

Commissioners:

Present: John Jones, Bill Wood, Sarah Bouwman, Jack Mortenson, Joanne Haase, James Larson, Shirley Halleen

Absent: Henry Scere, Stephen Brennan, Deborah Deng

Staff: Colleen Moran, Assistant City Attorney

DAC Member Present: Walter Schaefer

Guests Present: none

1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the December 15, 2016 meeting minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Disability Awareness Commission Update

Schaefer provided an update on the DAC activities. ArtAbility will take place on the first Friday in April at the Museum of Visual Materials. At the beginning of DAC meetings, the Commission members will meet in their assigned committees to work on tasks. After that work is done, the Commission will begin its official business. Other projects will focus on accessible parking signage and a disability educational video. The Human Relations Office will be developing a monthly calendar of events and is looking for education/informational opportunities.

4. Civil Rights Update

A. Moran provided updates on two cases of discrimination.

5. Continuing Business

A. Compassionate Sioux Falls: Wood distributed information regarding the February 12 Living Library event and encouraged Commission members to view the videos on the Human Relations website.

B. Roles and Responsibilities/Committee Assignments

a. The Commission members continued to discuss ideas supporting its roles and responsibilities. Members suggested possible opportunities where Commission members could have a presence and where they could present information.

- b. Members also suggested production of a video; providing newsletter information; developing a marketing campaign using a “Did You Know?” format; and developing a list of people that will help spread the Commission’s message.

6. New Business

- A. Members completed housing and employment surveys. Follow-up will occur at the next meeting.

7. Public Comment - none

8. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Moran.