

# Disability Awareness Commission

## Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall

July 15, 2009 3:00pm

### Call to Order

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

Commission members present: Travis Arneson, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Ardell Fiedler, Nancy Johnson, Vicki Nelson, Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon

Commission members absent: Ted Ornas

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

### Welcome Guests

### Approval of Minutes

**Carmichael moved to approve the May 20, 2009, meeting minutes; Farabee seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.**

The new commission members were introduced Travis Arneson and Lynda O'Connor. The other members did self-introductions.

### Continuing Business

City/County Training Update – Fiedler handed out an outline of the event with dates, times, location and an agenda for each session. She also made a list of duties and which commissioner is responsible to carrying them out.

The Orpheum Theater is currently having renovation work done; this won't affect the awareness training scheduled in the Anne Zabel Theater.

Amy Pokela will need to be reminded of her M/C duties.

Nelson will put together a program. We will want 'People First' brochures available. Arneson showed the commission the brochures he has; we would like to include the SD Council on DD's brochure on disability etiquette. Arneson will request copies from the Council.

Commissioners were asked to bring questions to the next meeting that could be asked if attendees aren't asking any questions of the panel.

We will plan to have a table set up so commission members can bring their organizations information to share.

2009 Projects Update –

**Raised garden bed project** – Commission reviewed the draft letter to community youth organizations regarding taking this project on and offered edits.

**Art Exhibit** – We need to set a date for 2010. Farabee will check with the Museum of Visual Materials on available dates in June or July 2010.

We will invite Deb Klebanoff Ex. Director of the Sioux Empire Arts Council to a future meeting. Klebanoff is interested in helping us with other aspects of the exhibit e.g. the call for art, award criteria, etc.

**Accessible Gas Station sticker** – We need to determine what is required of stations since most are self service. We will table this item until fall.

Hotel Guide Update – We still need to meet with CVB about the letter to go out about the surveys. The person at the CVB is no longer with them, so need to start over again with the new person.

### **New Business**

Co-chair Fiedler asked if it was agreeable to the Commissioners to reschedule the August meeting from August 19<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed to meet on August 12, 2009, in the HRC Conference Rm. at 3pm. Staff will send out a reminder about the change in schedule.

### **HRC Report**

A few events were noted: Juneteenth and the Festival of Cultures. The HRC is busy planning the 2009 Humanitarian Award. DAC members are reminded to submit nominations.

When asked about the 2009 NOD Award, the HRC was assured someone would be submitting an application.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, Carmichael moved and Farabee seconded to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2009, @ 3:00pm, HRC Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.