

# Disability Awareness Commission

## Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall

February 17, 2010 3:00pm

### Call to Order

Co-chairperson Carmichael called the meeting to order at 3:09 PM.

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

Commission members absent: Travis Arneson, and Ted Ornas

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

### Welcome Guests

### Approval of Minutes

**Brooks moved to approve the January 20, 2010, meeting minutes; Fiedler seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.**

### Continuing Business

2009 Projects Update –

**Art Exhibit** –ARTability – Johnson reported.

Accent on Events provided a sample menu: regular spring rolls, veggie spring rolls, corn soufflés, mini cordon bleu and veggie tray. The caterer felt these wouldn't be messy. We still need to confirm beverages with the VoM, though Jeremy hasn't been available or returning calls.

Friendslink is still planning on the workshops for preparing art for exhibit and felt the VoM would be a great place to have them. They, too, are having trouble getting together with Jeremy to set it up. In any case they are still planning on having the workshops; probably in March after spring break.

Johnson had sent a reminder to Gary Colwill about the artist's release he said he would put together for us. He provided a suitable document. Our only question is do we need to have a sponsor's signature and if we do, who will sign it. If we need to provide our signature, Johnson as chair of the committee will sign. We may be able to have it done electronically – have it inserted in each document as it is printed.

Staff will send the reminder email out on Monday, February 22. We were waiting to include the information about the Friendslink workshops, but will go ahead without it if we don't get the workshop information by Monday.

**Raised Bed Garden Project** – Farabee reported

Farabee prepared a list of needed supplies and will track who can provide the needed items. She will also be available on the May 1 proposed date along with her hammer-knowledgeable brother to supervise. Other volunteers are still needed. Farabee and her brother will be putting together a raised bed just to be sure it will work out – we don't want any surprises on construction day.

Brooks provided information regarding a grant from Fiskars for tools, seeds, etc for community gardens to apply for. After some thought/discussion, we will pass on this opportunity as our project doesn't fit into the scope of the grant's purpose.

Farabee and Garry will be meeting with Jennifer Abels representing SALSA just prior to our March 17<sup>th</sup> DAC meeting.

#### Hotel Guide Update – Brooks reported

Staff contacted Chief of Staff Jodi Schwan to see if there was anything the City could do to get this moving with the CVB. Schwan replied that she and Mike Cooper would approach the CVB to see if /when we would see some action. Nothing further.

#### Ideas for 2010 projects

Emergency evacuation registration – we will not take this on as a project for 2010 as we are busy with other projects this year.

Awareness training for school kids – staff contacted the Police Department to see if we could be included with their training program. We learned that they don't have enough time allotted to add another component. Richard Miller, the police officer who commands the division responsible, offered to help set up our program. Staff will give him Fiedler's contact information as she is the chairperson of that committee. (Fiedler, O'Connor, Ornas, Johnson, and Nelson) As previously discussed, we felt fourth or fifth graders would be a good target audience, but will seek the advice of the school district/police schools program officer before we decide for sure. We think school-aged kids would be more appropriate than adults as presenters. There is a Youth Leadership Council made up of youth with disabilities where we may find some presenters.

Gas station accommodation information on the website – the information has been prepared. Staff has a meeting with the webmasters on Friday when they can discuss the possibility of having this kind of information on the DAC's page.

### **New Business**

#### 2010 NDEAM Activity – Nelson reported

Nelson had forwarded the grant application for funding NDEAM activities from the Board of Voc Rehab. She reported that if the DAC provides the Awareness presentation, applying for funding really isn't necessary. The only expense would be for an interpreter and the event sponsors would be able to provide for that. Fiedler suggested that we concentrate on providing the awareness training in the schools and let the NDEAM event go.

Co-chairperson Carmichael expressed a concern regarding meeting attendance. Last month we barely made quorum. If you know you can't make it to the meeting, let staff

know soon enough to cancel the meeting if quorum won't be met. It's not being considerate to the other members who come to the meeting and then can't do business due to lack of quorum.

### **HRC Report**

Farabee reported that the HRC didn't meet in February. The officers will meet this week for a strategic planning session.

### **Public Comment**

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, Johnson moved and Brooks seconded to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, @ 3:00pm, HRC Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.