

Disability Awareness Commission

Minutes (corrected)

Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall

April 21, 2010 3:00pm

Call to Order

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

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

Commission members absent: Ardell Fiedler and Ted Ornas.

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

Welcome Guests

Approval of Minutes

O'Connor moved to approve the March 17, 2010, meeting minutes; Brooks seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Continuing Business

2009 Projects Update –

Art Exhibit –ARTability –Johnson reported

The ARTability committee met with last Friday. Deb Klebanoff, Sioux Empire Arts Council joined them. The Committee divided up the contact list and will make calls to confirm who will be submitting art – to get a general idea of how many pieces will be in the exhibit. Klebanoff will also make some calls to her contacts.

Ornas will work on the PSA for the radio stations.

The wine for the artist reception will be donated; not having soda/pop, maybe water if we can get it donated.

The Museum will have a couple of easels available for displaying a couple of exhibits that won't be hung – during the artist's reception only.

The Museum is preparing the invoice to be submitted to the City for payment.

SD Inspirations is part of SD Achieve and they plan to have fifteen jewelry items in shadow boxes for display. The Museum also said it's possible to set up a couple of tables on the night of the artist's reception to sell items – again just for that night.

Farabee has prepared a spreadsheet of the information from the entry forms to help track if each entrant has submitted everything needed. There are a few so far that are missing the artist's statement and the release form. Entrants will be contacted regarding the missing information. Staff should get the release put on the website as well as copies for the MoVM to have on hand when the art is submitted.

Committee needs to work on a certificate of participation for the artists and an invitation to the artists' reception w/RSVP.

Farabee reported that Friendslink will present the demonstration on hanging art on April 29th at the MoVM, 6-7:30pm. A small fee for materials will be charged.

Raised Bed Garden Project – Farabee reported

The trial bed was successfully put together with some alterations to the plans – mainly using bolts vs. screws.

Karla Abbot, Nursing Professor at Augie and member of the HRC, offered her nursing students as volunteers as they will need community service hours.

Michelle Erpenbach has confirmed delivery of the dirt. She reported that the raised beds have not been assigned as yet.

Farabee is lining up prizes to give away to the volunteers.

2010 projects

Awareness training for school kids – O'Connor

Fiedler and O'Connor have lined up a meeting with one of the parochial schools, hoping for a presentation this fall. Currently they have plans to provide training at one public school and one parochial school.

O'Connor also reported that another company was interested in having the presentation provided to their employees.

New Business

Ms. Wheelchair SD contacted staff with an offer to appear at our events, for example ARTability. We will invite her to the artists' reception.

HRC Report

Farabee reported that the HRC had their strategic planning meeting and came away with plans for establishing three working committees: Education, Enforcement, and Events and chose the Chairpersons for each.

The Events Committee will head the planning for the Humanitarian Award this year which will see budget cuts due to the current economic conditions. They talked about looking for an outside sponsor to allow the complete program with the reception and award to continue through the tight budget times.

The Diversity Council has elected to become a 501(c) 3 and is working on establishing a board of directors and the articles of incorporation.

Public Comment

O'Connor reported that she is trying to get information about the City's emergency preparedness plan to ensure people with disabilities have been considered in the plan.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Farabee moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19th, @ 3:00pm, HRC Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.