

Disability Awareness Commission

Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall

December 15, 2010 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-chairperson Carmichael called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM.

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

Commission members absent: Ted Ornas

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present: Julie Briggs

Welcome Guests

Julie Briggs was welcomed. Julie is the new Executive Director of the Business Resource Network (BRN). Her office is located in the Rehab Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Julie has a son with Down's syndrome.

Approval of Minutes

Fiedler moved to approve the October 20, 2010, meeting minutes; Farabee seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Continuing Business

Hotel Survey Update – Brooks reported

To date twenty surveys have been returned. The Committee is still planning on conducting some on-site checks to verify self-reports.

ArtAbility 2011– Johnson reported

The Committee needs to meet; will plan for January meeting. Farabee announced that we received a \$5000 media grant from KELO that will be used to market ArtAbility. The DAC was one of forty organizations to apply. This will provide more exposure than last year's event received.

The event will be Nov/Dec at the Museum of Visual Materials and the artists' reception will be November 10, 2011.

Awareness Training – Fiedler reported.

All of the school trainings were well received.

Vicki Kerkvliet would like to remain involved with the presentations. There has been some interest from the hospitals, but nothing has developed yet.

New Business

2011 projects

The Commission decided and set up committees for the 2011 projects.

Hotel Guide – Committee members are Farabee, Carmichael, and Brooks. Brooks is the chairperson.

ArtAbility – Committee members are Farabee, Johnson, Nelson and Fiedler. Johnson is the chairperson.

Awareness Training – Committee members are Fiedler, O'Connor, Arneson, and Nelson. Fiedler is the chairperson.

Gas Station stickers – Committee members are Johnson, Brooks and Arneson. Arneson is the chairperson.

Library - Resource of information- Committee members are Carmichael and O'Connor. Carmichael will make initial contact with the library staff.

Prep for January Election of Officers

Brooks moved to have the same slate of officers for January's election of officers: Farabee & Carmichael as co-chairs and Nelson as the third officer. O'Connor provided the second. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

All of the proposed slate agreed to serve again with the stipulation that Nelson will help cover the HRC meetings when Farabee cannot attend them.

HRC Report

Farabee reported on the HRC activities. The subcommittees – Enforcement, Education, and Events were all asked to meet and have a report at the next HRC meeting.

The Education Committee had prepared a 'cheat' sheet for members to have on hand when they are asked about serving on the Commission. It provides consistent information no matter which Commissioner is asked for information.

The HRC is also putting together a marketing plan using a five to seven minute spot on CH 16. They are also checking into billboards and using signs on the SAM busses.

Public Comment

A request was made to invite the Mayor to the next DAC meeting so he will have an idea about the kind of work the Commission does. Staff will make the request.

Nelson reported that Ted Ornas has relocated out of state which creates an opening on the Commission. Staff will begin the process of seeking applicants.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Brooks moved and Farabee seconded to adjourn; the

meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.