

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
September 21, 2011 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-chairperson Carmichael called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Ardell Fiedler (3:08), Nancy Johnson, Vicki Nelson and Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon.

Commission members absent: Travis Arneson and Patty Brooks

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

Welcome Guest(s)

Approval of Minutes

Johnson moved to approve the August 17, 2011, meeting minutes; Briggs seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

ADA Resource Library – Everything is in place for the October display. Still need to work on the bookmarks.

ArtAbility 2011 – Johnson contacted Jeremy @ MOVIM about getting the venue contract to City staff. She also asked about the wine and water donation. Also need to find out about available dates for next year.

Achieve's Inspirations will bring their jewelry to sell. They will need a table to set up on. Also we will need a table for Brenda Smith's book sale.

So far only one entry has been submitted. An email sent to the artists from last year will be sent to remind them of the deadline. Also should ask Brenda Smith to contact the Dare 2 Dream artists.

Information about ArtAbility will be on the KELO website.

We need to remember to invite the City Council.

Awareness Training – Next scheduled training is October 14th at Sanford. There will be two sessions that run over lunchtime 11- 11:45 & 12:15 – 1. The training will take place in the Schroeder Auditorium.

Objectives are:

- to increase positive communication between patient and medical staff;
- learn specific needs of people with disabilities;
- address discomfort in working with people with a specific disability;
- and to increase overall comfort level for staff and the patient with a disability.

The panel moderator will be Chelle Hart and panel members are: Teresa Nold, Vicki Kerkvliet, and Ken Laughlin.

The school district's mentoring students program would like some training for their mentors who work with students with disabilities.

Gas Station Stickers – no report

Hotel Survey Update – Would like the City staff or Mayor to get this moving again. The alternative is to abandon the project.

New Business

People First Request– People first asked if anyone from the DAC would come to their November meeting to explain what the DAC does. A request was sent out earlier with no response.

HRC Report

The HRC has ten cases to resolve by the end of September – the end of the federal fiscal year. Ten resolutions are needed to meet their contract goals.

The HRC's Humanitarian Award event is coming up. Staff will need to have your RSVP by September 23rd.

The HRC met with Rich Murphy 'Murf' from the City's Channel 16 to find out what is available to help promote the HRC.

One of the HRC members could be an awareness training panel member.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Having no further business, **O'Connor moved and Briggs seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2011 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.