

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
June 20, 2012 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Kendra Gottsleben, Chelle Hart, Nancy Johnson, Vicki Nelson and Matt Pruner

Commission members absent: Patty Brooks,

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager and Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present: Sarah Dykstra

Welcome Guest(s)

Sarah Dykstra is meeting with us again. The new DAC members joining today are: Kendra Gottsleben, Chelle Hart, and Matt Pruner. Roundtable of self-introductions was made by the Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Farabee moved to approve the May 16, 2012, meeting minutes; Carmichael seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

Committees - Updates –

ARTAbility – Committee = Johnson, Farabee (Chairperson) and Carmichael

Farabee explained this project/event for the new members. There is nothing new to report.

Awareness – Committee = Briggs (Chairperson), Nelson, Johnson

Briggs explained what this program is about for the new commissioners.

A reminder about the NDEAM awareness event on October 11, 2012, at the Sanford Center, 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Moran will be the main speaker and they will have a panel of employers.

Citizens on Parking Patrol (COPP) – Committee =Farabee (Chairperson),

Farabee reported that she has met with staff and now the proposed guidelines need approval from the director (City Attorney) before any further action can be taken. She then explained to the new members what the COPP is about.

Library – Committee = Carmichael (Chairperson), O'Connor

No report requested. Carmichael explained to the new members about this committee.

Mentoring Day – Committee = Carmichael, Briggs, Moran (Chairperson), Nelson and Sarah Dykstra

There is nothing new to report – waiting for the staffing change at the school district. Briggs and Moran explained about this committee to the new members.

Website (City's) –Farabee

No report requested.

White Cane Day – Moran

New DAC member Hart is involved with this project and gave an explanation and an update. National White Cane Day is October 15, 2012. We're observing the day on October 13th in Sioux Falls. The Mayoral proclamation will be read at the October 9th City Council meeting and at 11:30 a.m. at the federal courthouse on the 13th. There will be a panel discussion on vision impairment and a screening of the film "Going Blind" at the Downtown Library. The group meets the third Monday of the month at the Downtown Library.

New Business

Committee assignments for the new members –

Hart – Awareness – she has worked with this committee in the past

Gottleben – ArtAbility, website

Matt – COPP – he has a background in criminal justice

HRC Report

No June HRC meeting – no report.

Roundtable/Public Comment

Pruner has an architectural drafting degree and has had a recent interview.

Briggs – BRN is moving forward with their accessible sticker program. The sticker will be given disability friendly businesses. The stickers will have the BRN and the DAC logo on them and will be window clings. They will have 1000 made for distribution. The DAC will help fund. Also – the 2012 ADA Celebration is Thursday, July 26th at the Miracle Field. Transition Week takes place in July at

SBVI. On July 18th the BRN will be sponsoring a luncheon for the Transition Week participants with a panel discussing applying for jobs.

Farabee reported that the Juneteenth celebration at the Multicultural Center was fun; the HRC's beach balls were a big hit. Special Olympics is getting a booth-in-a-box so they can go to events and get their information out to the community which could result in recruiting new athletes to participate.

Carmichael – the Special Olympic Games went well – with a few bumps in the road. Also, DakotAbilities has opened their new group home – 7 bed/8 bath. The group home she currently works at is being closed down while the flooring is replaced.

Nelson does not have much going on. Geri Jewell will be the speaker at the Fall Conference.

Johnson is job searching.

Gottleben reported that the Center for Disabilities is having a training on Autism on June 25 – 28. She also mentioned a Youth Leadership Forum on learning to be your own advocate.

Hart reported that the SD Association of the Blind is having their convention on September 22, 2012.

Adjournment

Having no further business, **Carmichael moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2012 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.