



Meeting Minutes

First Floor Commission Room, City Hall

June 13, 2018

12:00pm

Commission members present: Deb Aden, Kendra Gottsleben, Kimberly Huff, Tana Zwart, Josh Reinfeld, Sheila Sandness

Commission members absent: Sarah Jo Jorgensen, Morgan Jackson, Deirdre DiMemmo

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Assistant City Attorney; Mason Sullivan, Human Relations Intern; and Valerie Schonewill, Human Relations Specialist

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The April and May minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

A. Next Projects

Sandness suggested that the DAC create a program with the artists names and art titles for next year's Artability program.

Sandness also suggested that the DAC shoot a video of the adaptive sports she participates in, specifically kayaking. Schonewill will schedule a time for a city producer to go and video the sport participation.

Reinfeld informed the group about Miracle League.

It was suggested that making signs that increase awareness about the importance of only parking in ADA Accessible parking spots if you have a disability placard be a project we complete in the next six months.

The group also discussed other informational videos that could be done to increase awareness about disability-related issues in the community. Subject matter ideas included curb cuts, new adaptive crosswalk signals, grocery carts blocking doors, clearing sidewalks for wheelchairs in the winter, and anything from the DAC brochure about Interacting with People with Disabilities.

Concerns were also raised about the hooks in the accessible bathroom stall at the Blarney Stone being too high for someone using a wheelchair to reach.

B. Outreach

The Human Relations Commission will be having a booth at the Pride Festival on June 16th, and the Juneteenth Celebration on June 23rd. Commissioners were invited to attend.

Election of New Officers

The DAC unanimously voted Deb Aden as the Chair for another year, Tana Zwart as the Vice Chair, and Kimberly Huff as the Third Officer.

Civil Rights Update

Moran updated the group on the growing number of calls the Human Relations Office gets about disability in housing, and housing difficulties in general in Sioux Falls.

Also, the Human Relations Commission will be organizing a Civil Rights Conference in the fall, and DAC commissioners were invited to help plan it.

Public Comment

No public was present for public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room on first floor, City Hall.

These minutes submitted by Valerie Schonewill.