

Disability Awareness Commission

Meeting Minutes

Second Floor Meeting Room

June 20, 2007 3:00pm

Call to Order

Brett Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. (Elevator not working, waited for member and guests.)

Commission members present: Brad Friez, Amy Pokela, Ardell Fiedler, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Nancy Johnson and Brett Johnson.

Commission members absent: Mary Hurd

Staff present: Carol Garry

Guest(s) present: Randy Williams; Robert O'Connell – Public Affairs & Communications Director, Chamber of Commerce; Jessica Green – Sales and Marketing, Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB); Thane Barnier – Web Developer & Network Administrator, Chamber, CVB, Forward SF;; Ryan Green, PVA.

Approval of Minutes

Fiedler moved to approve the April 18, 2007, meeting minutes; Brooks seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Continuing Business

ADA Celebration Planning – print media subcommittee. Copies of the flyer were handed out at the last meeting and emailed both forms to all of the planning committee members. We will work on the sponsor poster and make posters from the flyer for display at the event.

New Business

NOD Award – Plan for Action – Brainstorming with CVB, Chamber and Ryan Green

Ryan Green gave us the background on meeting with the CVB and the Chamber on the results of the NOD award. Green met previously with them to discuss how to design their website to provide more information to people with disabilities. His suggestion was to have a special section that provides the information similar to the Pavilion's site. Others felt it was also important to have a way of letting people know if the events on their calendar are accessible. Discussion followed about how to do that and how to include hotels. A self-evaluation survey was suggested. Jessica Green feels it may be better to send something to the convention group from her office; we would probably get more responses. Pokela

will meet with Green from the CVB to pull something together. The ultimate goal is to get information for a resource guide specifically for accessibility that can be linked to their site and be a hard copy resource for anyone needing it in that format.

The next goal is to increase accessibility. A separate section similar to what the Pavilion has can be built in as these websites (CVB, Chamber, and Forward SF) are updated. Barnier stated that Adobe is coming out with new software that has accessibility technology built in and should be more compatible with screen readers.

Emergency Preparedness – Staff checked to see how to get involved with the city/county emergency planning committee. They only have government representatives but there is another committee that meets that is made up of citizens – COAD. Regan Smith, the city's Risk Manager will let staff know when they will be meeting next.

Public Comment

Easter Seals is looking for durable equipment to fill their supply which is being rapidly depleted.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2007, @ 3:00pm, City Hall, Second Floor Meeting Room.

Action items: Meet with CVB to set up criteria for resource directory - Amy

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.