

Disability Awareness Commission

Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room

April 16, 2008 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-chairperson Fiedler called the meeting to order at 3:05PM.

Commission members present: Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Ardell Fiedler, Brad Friez, and Nancy Johnson.

Commission members absent: Mary Hurd, Brett Johnson, Patty Brooks, and Amy Pokela

Staff present:

Guest(s) present: Kathy Rustwick, City's Graphic Design Specialist and Ted Ornas, Jumpy Monkey Coffee.

Welcome Guests

Approval of Minutes

Farabee moved to approve the March 19, 2008, meeting minutes; Friez seconded. The meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Continuing Business

NOD Award Update – This will continually be on the agenda in order to keep adding information as it is gathered.

Farabee contacted the Red Cross. She received information about what the Red Cross is doing relating to emergency preparedness. We will add this information to our application on the chance it continues to be part of the application. Friez will contact Ryan Green about being on the American Red Cross's emergency preparedness committee.

Fiedler volunteered to update the application w/ the Red Cross information, presented by Farabee, for review at May's meeting. Garry will be asked to add further information as it is prepared. At each meeting until submission commission members will proof and edit the additions.

Hotel Guide – The group reviewed the revised survey and possible disclaimers. It was decided to use the following disclaimer in the cover letter: "Completing this survey doesn't certify your facility as accessible. If you have specific questions regarding your facility, please contact your local building code official or the Rocky Mountain Disability & Technical Assistance Center at 1-800-949-4232. **The information gathered by this self-survey will be used as a guide for patrons with disabilities to find accessible lodging while visiting Sioux Falls.**"

It was also suggested we group the sections by category i.e. parking, building entrances, guest rooms, and start with the area first encountered (parking) and continue sequentially as a patron would approach each category.

ADA Celebration – Reviewed the poster again. The SF Area Foundation logo has been added because they gave the Celebration Committee a \$5000 grant for this year's celebration. We need to add the time and other information, i.e. entertainment as it becomes known and will add the Park and Rec's logo.

It was suggested that a postcard be created that looks like the poster and has all the necessary information and send them out to help spread the word.

The discussion regarding the number and location of the sandwich boards to be used at downtown events was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

NDEAM – Ted Ornas dropped off a sample of how they want this year's handout to look. He will be added to the next month's agenda.

HRC Report

No report.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Having no further business, **Farabee moved to adjourn, Nancy Johnson seconded.**
The meeting adjourned at 4:35p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2008, @ 3:00pm, Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Peggy Carmichael.