

Disability Awareness Commission

Minutes

Second Floor Conference Room

May 21, 2008 3:00pm

Call to Order

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

Commission members present: Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Ardell Fiedler, Brad Friez (3:15 – 3:55), Nancy Johnson and Amy Pokela.

Commission members absent: Mary Hurd, Brett Johnson, and Misty Farabee

Staff present: Carol Garry

Guest(s) present: Ted Ornas, Jumpy Monkey Coffee.

Welcome Guests

Approval of Minutes

Carmichael moved to approve the April 16, 2008, meeting minutes; Fiedler 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.

Ted Ornas came to share success stories involving employment of people with disabilities. Village Northwest (in Iowa) serves 200 people and works with the SD Voc Rehab office to help their clients find work. They also work with educating employers. Jumpy Monkey Coffee is roasted, ground and packaged by people with disabilities.

The Commission designated who would work on which sections of the 2008 application (available after July 26th):

Garry: proofing/editing & Promoting Accessibility (board/officials info)

Farabee: Emergency Management

Pokela: Promoting Participation

Fiedler/Friez: Employability

Brooks: Communicating a Welcoming Attitude

Brooks: Inspiring Others

Carmichael/N. Johnson: Other

?: Demographics

Hotel Guide – The Conventions and Visitors Bureau (CVB) asked if this was ready for their June meeting. Garry asked to wait until after the new ADA Coordinator started, so the ADA Coordinator could review it first.

ADA Celebration – The committee was successful in applying for a grant from the SF Area Foundation - \$5000 and must all be spent on this year's event.

We will need 14 posters to be put on the 7 'sandwich boards' that we have to display our posters. We should plan to have them ready by June 1. **Pokela moved to go ahead with the posters without the Commission's final approval. Carmichael seconded.** Staff will have them made.

New Business

No new business was on the agenda; however Carmichael brought up a concern regarding the media not using people first language. We discussed what the DAC could do to address this concern. We decided to send a letter to the media to educate them on using the people first language. Fiedler will research what information we should forward, Pokela will prepare the list to send it to and Garry will draft the letter.

HRC Report

Garry reported. The HRC is beginning to prepare for this year's Humanitarian Award. Nomination forms go out June 15th. The HRC said good-bye to three retiring members, Dr. Valerie Hearn, Wanda Harris, and Gary Sieverding. Jeff Munce is leaving; his last day was May 14th.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Having no further business, **Carmichael moved to adjourn, Brooks seconded.** The meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2008, @ 3:00pm, Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.