

Disability Awareness Commission

Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall

January 20, 2010 3:00pm

Call to Order

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

Commission members present: Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Ardell Fiedler, and Vicki Nelson.

Commission members absent: Travis Arneson, Nancy Johnson, Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon, and Ted Ornas

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

Welcome Guests

Approval of Minutes

Fiedler moved to approve the December 16, 2009, meeting minutes; Nelson seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Continuing Business

Election of Officers – Fiedler moved to nominate and accept the slate of officers: Farabee and Carmichael, co-chair and Nelson as third officer. Brooks seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote of the members present.

2009 Projects Update –

Art Exhibit –ARTability – Farabee reported.

The committee needs to follow-up with Accents on Events regarding the food selection. Nelson will remind the committee chair, Johnson. Members wondered if we could ask for a taste testing, but since they are donating the food, this didn't seem likely.

Reminder to be looking for picture frames that can be used. If you have a connection with some of the second hand stores, have them keep an eye out for some that can be useful.

Staff will prepare another reminder to send out in February and will work on getting posters created to post on the inside of busses. It was suggested that we put up sandwich boards downtown to publicize the event in June. We should find out if posters can be posted on the inside of the trolley. They use the trolley for the art tours, it would be a target audience.

Friendslink is still planning on workshops for preparing art for the exhibit.

Raised Bed Garden Project – Farabee reported

Supplies were purchased back in December and they should be delivered today to the Park Shop for storage.

SALSA is willing to help with the project and have designated Saturday, May 1st as the project date, weather permitting. We will need volunteers to supervise the building. Farabee will not be able to help on that date, but her brother has promised to help out in her place.

We will need lots of tools. Farabee will make a list of what we need. Some we may be able to have donated from the home improvement or garden stores.

Hotel Guide Update – Brooks reported

We have been waiting to hear from the CVB – Terri Ellis Schmidt. Staff will see if there is someone in City Hall who can get it moving again.

New Business

Ideas for 2010 projects

The group revisited the gas station sticker project that we discussed doing in 2009. It had been tabled because we weren't sure what the requirements are. Farabee did some research and has documentation. The group discussed how to proceed; is this a big problem here? It was decided that we will put the information on the DAC's webpage; create a 'did you know' section and add other information as we see fit.

Emergency evacuation registration – Farabee suggested we find out if the area emergency management has some kind of registration for people with disabilities identifying their location in case of an emergency/natural disaster. Fiedler will find out and we will consider what to do at that time.

Awareness training for kids; is this an area that needs attention? What age would be a good age? Staff suggested looking into the Police department's program they have in the schools to see if the information on disability awareness/people first language can be incorporated in their classroom training. Staff will contact the PD.

HRC Report

Farabee reported that the HRC is brainstorming ideas to market the HRC with a focus on outreach, education and promotion.

The Diversity Council is moving to incorporate and become a 501(c)3 which would enable them to raise money to fund the projects they want to do.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Having no further business, Carmichael moved and Brooks seconded to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, @ 3:00pm, HRC Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.