

Disability Awareness Commission  
Minutes  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
December 19, 2012 3:00pm

**Call to Order**

Co-chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Kendra Gottsleben, Nancy Johnson, Matt Pruner, and Vicki Nelson.

Commission members absent: Chelle Hart

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager

Guest(s) present:

**Welcome Guest(s)**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Briggs moved to approve the October 17, 2012, meeting minutes; Johnson seconded.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Continuing Business**

Committees - Updates –

**ARTAbility** – Committee = Johnson, Farabee (Chairperson), Gottsleben and Carmichael

SD Achieve will be providing food again this year – menu pending. Gustaf's will provide flowers, Vicki Kerkvliet will provide music.

We are looking for more art submissions. Hopefully we can get enough to fill at least one wall. There are twelve entries from Achieve Inspirations, and six other artists.

Invitations need to go out after the first of the year and program and name badges will be needed.

Farabee will try to get a fully executed copy of the rental agreement (MoVM not signed)

**Disability Friendly Sticker Program** – joint effort of Sioux Falls Business Resource Network and the DAC

Briggs presented the draft guidelines for the BRN/DAC sticker program.  
(Attached)

The DAC discussed having a formal presentation of the sticker, being able to nominate business via the website and also listing those receiving stickers on the website (BRN & City and possibly the CVB).

The pledge to be accessible idea was also discussed. There was a concern that by taking the pledge you could earn a sticker, and then the business wouldn't do anything further. Suggested they pledge to continue to practice accessibility after they've received the sticker. A letter can be sent as a follow-up reminder of their pledge.

Questions were raised about who could qualify to receive a sticker; agencies like Achieve, Voc Rehab – who advocate for people with disabilities – are they eligible? The consensus was to focus on businesses first because the agencies are already advocating as a part of their mission.

Email any ideas to Briggs/Moran.

**Awareness** – Committee = Briggs (Chairperson), Nelson, Johnson, & Hart

NDEAM Event – 41 of the 68 attending were businesses.

Briggs and Moran presented at one of the Kiwanis organizations – BRN/ADA/DAC. Briggs was asked to present at Esurance and will also present on disability etiquette for their new employee orientation. There will be a January speaking opportunity at one of the Optimist clubs. The contact from the school district declined training for this year, but Moran said Washington High School has an interest.

**Citizens on Parking Patrol (COPP)** – Committee =Farabee (Chairperson), Pruner, Brooks, staff

Pruner has been doing some research. There about fifteen cities that have volunteers monitoring accessible/disabled parking. So far he hasn't found a lot of policy for guidance.

There is a need to bring awareness to get people to stop using the accessible parking when they do not have a disability. Also, need to make people aware of clearing snow from ramps and accessible parking.

Brooks asked to be on this committee.

### **New Business**

**No new business**

### **HRC Report**

Briggs and Nelson both attended the HRC's December 13th meeting.

The HRC hosted an appreciation luncheon for the Boards covered under Chapter 21 1/2. The Boards – ADA Accessibility Review Board, Disability Awareness

Commission and the Human Relations Commission had an opportunity to provide an update of their 2012 projects and plans for 2013 projects.

### Roundtable/Public Comment

Carmichael –She may be moving. It will depend on what happens with LodgeNet in the next six months.

Farabee – There's a lull with SF Special Olympics right now. They had seven signed up for skiing.

Briggs – 2013's 'Spread the Word to End the Word' event is in March. She has been working on a photo shoot with Special Olympics for the March event.

Brooks – 2013 fundraiser for the Compass Center– 'It's in the Bag' is February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Moran – HRC is getting a Facebook account. It will include DAC events.

Pruner – recently on KELO – Wishing for a 'Wide' Christmas.

Gottsleben – The executive director at Center for Disabilities (Judy Struck) is retiring on January 4, 2013. Gottsleben has been working on a video for a gift. The new executive director starts in January. Gottsleben also presented at the November Diversity Conference.

### Adjournment

Having no further business, **Brooks moved and Carmichael seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2013 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.