

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
January 18, 2012 3:00pm

Call to Order

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

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Nancy Johnson, Vicki Nelson and Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon.

Commission members absent: Travis Arneson and Ardell Fiedler

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager and Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present: Sarah Dykstra

Welcome Guest(s)

Moran introduced our guest, Sarah Dykstra. Dykstra belongs to the People First group and is interested in serving on the Disability Awareness Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Johnson moved to approve the November 16, 2011, meeting minutes; Nelson seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

Committee Assignments – The Commission reviewed which projects they will be working on this year and designated which committee they wished to work on. The Committees (projects) are:

ARTAbility – Johnson, Farabee and Carmichael

Awareness – O'Connor, Briggs, Nelson, Johnson

Convention Visitor's Bureau – Brooks, Briggs

Gas Station Stickers – not pursuing at this time.

Library – Carmichael, O'Connor

Website (City's) – on hold until the new revisions are in place –Farabee

New Committees added today:

Mentoring Day – Carmichael, Briggs, Nelson and Sarah Dykstra

Citizens on Parking Patrol (COPP) – Farabee, O'Connor

Staff would like each Committee to meet – in person or via email – to decide who will chair each Committee before the February meeting.

New Business

Election of Officers - Farabee made a motion to nominate Nelson and Briggs as co-chairs; Johnson seconded. Farabee moved and Carmichael seconded to nominate O'Connor as the third officer. Farabee moved and Carmichael seconded to elect the nominated slate of officers. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Moran asked if the Commission would be interested in setting up a volunteer, accessible parking patrol. The Commission is interested and Moran will get more information. Some type of training will be needed and parameters in place for any action they would be authorized to take.

Moran also brought up the idea of sponsoring a Disability Mentoring Day. Nationally, it is the third Wednesday in October; during Disability Awareness Month. Moran feels we can get mentors set up in City Hall. Briggs said BRN members could also be involved. Kristie Allen was recommended as a good resource.

Staff set up the banner, brochure display, and table runner that the DAC can use at awareness events. The HRC already has a banner so they just needed a table runner and now both are ready for display at special events. It's our 'booth- in- a- box.'

HRC Report

The HRC did not meet in January – no report.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Having no further business, **Brooks moved and Briggs seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2012 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.