

MINUTES	Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.	
Disability Awareness and Accessibility Review Board Meeting	City Hall Commission Room 224 W. Ninth Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota or by teleconference at 1-408-418- 9388, Access Code 187-242- 1266##	

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tana Zwart, Kati Seymour, Carolyn Ly-Donovan, and Morgan Jackson.
STAFF PRESENT: Sharla Svenes and Elise Haugaard

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Seymour and seconded by Ly-Donovan to adopt agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ly-Donovan and seconded by Seymour to approve the minutes from May 2021 meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Guest Speaker: Audrey Cope.** Cope is currently working remotely for Pathways to Housing. Pathways to Housing is based in D.C. and seeks to facilitate Section 8 housing. Cope asked for input from board members regarding their observations about public transit in Sioux Falls. Observations of board members largely reflected need for improvement in the Sioux Falls public transportation services. Cope presented her research in the area of metro transportation. Cope found that “small metro” cities (100,000-300,000 pop.) comparable to Sioux Falls all had increasing population, increasing poverty rates, and car dominant infrastructure. A case study of ten small metro cities across the United States indicated that many cities with similar population and correlating poverty growth had inaccessible affordable housing and poor public transit access. Sioux Falls scored lowest in public transit accessibility in comparison to other cities our size, due in part to lack of natural pressures other cities enjoy. Natural pressures, such as a larger nearby city, creates necessity for cities to provide better transit accessibility. Cope suggested that moving forward, the following steps are key: 1. Communicate with our local transit providers to seek better accessibility, 2. Partner with community leaders to establish action plans, 3. Seek involvement from mayor’s office to

collaborate with relevant departments or boards to bridge the gap between housing and the transit community, and 4. Listen to and work with those most affected for guidance as to equitable solutions.

B. Review and Adoption of New Logo.

Motion to adopt the official logo; board members present voted on their logo preference. The logo listed first on the attachment to the June 2021 Agenda was selected collectively. Moved by Seymour and seconded by Zwart. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Update from Marketing, Education, and Public Needs Committee; Artibility Discussion.

Artibility – Zwart shared that Jorgensen has reached out to the Museum of Visual Arts to use their space for next year’s event. Jorgensen inquired about April 1, 2022 or May 1, 2022 to correlate with First Friday events. Jorgensen is waiting to hear back from them. Seymour noted that holding Artibility on April Fool’s day may present poorly.

D. Update from Transition Plan and Self-Evaluation Committee.

Svennes advised she has been in communication with various departments reviewing the Transition Plan and there is interest in hearing from the DAARB about accessibility in Sioux Falls.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ly-Donovan offered that there is a group at Augustana University that may be willing and able to create useful social media tools for the Board.

REPORT OF ADA COORDINATOR

Svennes indicated Transition Plan review happening this week and Sam Trebilcock will be speaking at next month’s meeting.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Ly-Donovan requested further discussion about social media options as an outreach tool. Svennes expressed that the concern with utilizing social media is that it would set precedent for the numerous other boards which could create issues with monitoring content. In the event the Augustana group referenced by Ly-Donovan is able and willing to provide assistance that may allow social media presence to be workable. The assistance of Board members with content and posting would also make utilizing social media more plausible. The board discussed other liability issues involved with social media.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ly-Donovan and seconded by Seymour to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

July 28, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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