

MINUTES	Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.	
Disability Awareness and Accessibility Review Board Meeting	City Hall Commission Room 224 W. 9 th Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota or by teleconference at 1-408-418-9388, Access Code 187 118 6391##	

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tana Zwart, Sarah Jorgensen, Nicholas Kummer, Delores Lipp, Cathleen Zepeda. Morgan Jackson present virtually. Carolyn Ly-Donovan, Kati Seymour not present.
STAFF PRESENT: Sharla Svennes and Lyndsey Meier

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPT THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Jorgenson and seconded by Kummer to adopt agenda. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jorgenson and seconded by Kummer to approve the minutes from August 2021 meeting. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Discussion Regarding Potential Plans for National Disability Employment Awareness Month – October 2021:** Zwart and Zepeda suggested promoting on City’s Facebook page to commemorate contributions of people with disabilities in our workplaces and economy. Lipp shared some upcoming events with the board; most events are virtual again this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Board discussed conducting a press release to inform community. Jorgensen said in the past they passed out DAC merchandise, which board can keep in mind for upcoming events. Board members will send information on upcoming events to board liaison for press release.
- B. **Update from Marketing, Education, and Public Needs Committee:** Discussed Artbability. Zwart designed Call To Art fliers which the board reviewed and discussed with admiration and enthusiasm. Minor modifications were made including specifying art retrieval needing to occur

between 8-9pm the night of the event. Jorgensen shared she has contacted Bella Rosa about floral arrangements and is waiting to hear back. Zepeda has reached out to Lifescape about catering the event and will talk to them about sponsoring. Lipp will follow-up with Parent Connection about marketing. Board members will reach out to contacts and have sponsors determined by next meeting. Discussed past events and Jorgensen and Zwart approximated they had 50 art entries at the last event. Meier will send out marketing list to members for follow-up. Kummer has connections with local daycares and will reach out to them for involvement/admissions. Svennes shared the venue has been confirmed and deposit has been paid. Discussed set-up and ensuring artists are aware of needing to provide their own installation hardware. Discussed asking artists to set up/drop off artwork between 5-5:30pm otherwise DAARB reserves the right to display the artwork as they see fit. Need to check with MoVM to see if artwork can be displayed/hung on their walls. Zwart will contact Arts Council about providing brochures. Discussed brochure content and recommending artists submit biographies including background information, materials and techniques used, etc. for publication. Discussion will continue.

- C. **Update from Transition Plan and Self-Evaluation Committee.** Kummer provided updates about ADA upgrades in state government buildings around the city. Svennes shared ongoing challenges with sidewalks and curve ramps due to weather/elements as well as the process for notification of sidewalk repairs. Discussed local businesses that don't have accessibility features and Kummer explained that will be changing with 2021 building codes requiring all new businesses to have electronic doors and increased clearances.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

REPORT OF ADA COORDINATOR

Svennes shared potential appointment of additional board member which would fill last vacancy. Svennes shared recent legal cases against Uber involving accessibility issues and ridesharing, which are being litigated throughout the country.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Zwart shared potential expansion of past parking initiative, perhaps funded by Cortrust Bank. "Think of Me" parking signage downtown was used to remind people not to park in handicap accessible spaces. Zwart shared they previously utilized the City photographer for imaging. Svennes will review code of ethics regarding donor funds. Zwart also shared autonomous vehicles are now being used in Colorado.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Jorgensen and seconded by Lipp to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

October 27, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndsey Meier
Human Relations Specialist

