

Disability Awareness Commission

Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall

May 19, 2010 3:00pm

Call to Order

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

Commission members present: Travis Arneson, Peggy Carmichael, Ardell Fiedler, Nancy Johnson, Vicki Nelson, Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon and Ted Ornas.

Commission members absent: Patty Brooks and Misty Farabee

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

Welcome Guests

Approval of Minutes

Arneson moved to approve the April 21, 2010, meeting minutes; O'Connor seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with the corrected next meeting date as May 19, 2010.

Continuing Business

2009 Projects Update –

Art Exhibit –ARTability –Johnson reported

The deadline for entry was last Friday and we have about fifty artists registered. The letters of acceptance are done and will be mailed today or tomorrow.

The MoVM will have two billboards advertising the event; at 12th & Marion Rd and 8th St & MN Ave.

The wiring demonstration by Friendslink was attended by three artists at the MoVM on April 29th.

Ornas will be working on a certificate of participation for each of the entrants, lining up a boutonniere/corsage type flower for the artists who attend the reception and he will 'wire' some of the entries that came without proper hanging wire.

Nelson will be working on the program for the reception. It will include a listing of the artist and their artwork on display.

Committee still needs to work on the mailing list for invitations to the artists' reception on June 24th and find out from the caterer when they need to have a count of the number of expected guests. They hope to have another meeting prior to the reception.

Raised Bed Garden Project – Carmichael reported.

The day started at 8am and they finished up around 5:40pm. There were sixteen SALSA volunteers and 16 others there to help build and fill the six raised garden beds. The Master Gardeners provided water, snacks, and the dirt.

2010 projects

Awareness training for school kids – Fiedler reported.

Fiedler and O'Connor met with Rich Meier from the SF School District about awareness training. They are hoping to get started by October or November.

The Committee does not have a school-age appropriate video to show. If anyone knows of one; they would like it to be about ten minutes long. They are also looking for panel members. Possible resources: Youth Leadership Forum, Community Campus and Transitional Advantage.

Other information: O'Connor received a copy of the City's Evacuation Support Plan from Regan Smith. It encompasses the federal guidelines local governments need to meet. The first 24 – 72 hours are their responsibility and after that time period the Red Cross takes over. Staff will request an electronic copy and email it to the commission members.

New Business

HRC Report

Carmichael reported that the HRC is looking for sponsorship for the Humanitarian Award reception due to budget hold backs.

Maria Flores from the EEOC will be in the area and available to do presentations/training on employment discrimination topics.

The Diversity Council is moving forward to become a 501(c) 3 with nine to sixteen members making up the board of directors. Their Diversity Conference will be in November this year at the Ramkota.

Public Comment

Carmichael asked if the Commission would like to invite the new Mayor to our next monthly meeting. Staff will make the request.

Adjournment

Having no further business, O'Connor moved and Fiedler seconded to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th, @ 3:00pm, HRC Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.