

Disability Awareness Commission

Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall

June 16, 2010 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-chairperson Carmichael called the meeting to order at 3:34PM.

Commission members present: Travis Arneson, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Ardell Fiedler, Vicki Nelson, Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon and Ted Ornas.

Commission members absent: Nancy Johnson

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

Welcome Guests

Approval of Minutes

Arneson moved to approve the May 19, 2010, meeting minutes; Brooks seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Continuing Business

2009 Projects Update –

Art Exhibit –ARTability –Nelson reported

Ornas will request twenty five boutonnières from Gustaf's Greenery for the Artists Reception on June 24th. There are 15 artists who have confirmed their attendance and we will include one for Kerkvliet and Miss Wheelchair SD and have some on hand in case an artist failed to RSVP.

The program is ready for printing – 150 qty. We thought we might want a check - in table so we know which artists came and to give them their name tag and flower.

Ornas showed us the sample of the certificate for the artists to receive. They are very nice. Nelson was concerned about getting all the names on the certificates but was reassured he would get them done.

Staff has been working on the name tags for the artists who RSVP'd for the reception and will include some for the DAC members who will be attending.

Earlier today, staff delivered posters to downtown businesses to post in their windows.

2010 projects

Awareness training for school kids – Fiedler reported.

Fiedler and O'Connor found the school district open, receptive and very helpful regarding the awareness training for grade school students. Rich Meier will be handing the project over to Susan Mcadaragh. Our training will fit into the students' health and social studies curriculum. They suggested dates/times/schools for September training for fourth graders.

Terry Redlin – September 9 @ 1:15p

John F. Kennedy – September 14 @ 1:15p

John Harris – September 23 @ 1:15pm

We need to contact the principals in August to confirm. The Integration Specialist from each school will help identify individuals for the panel. They suggested we don't recruit anyone older than 9th grade and we ask the teachers beforehand to solicit questions so the teachers can screen them to be sure they are appropriate.

The school district will have someone video tape the trainings which will make it a resource to be used throughout the district and can run on KLRN.

Arneson volunteered to MC in place of Ryan Green who will be moving away. Arneson has an age appropriate video to use that isn't too long. He will send the link so we can all review.

Another business' training is in the works for October at Midcontinent.

Misc. –

Hotel Guide – Brooks reported.

The CVB has received fifteen surveys back from the member hotels so far. The subcommittee will meet to plan how to place the information on CVB's website so consumers can use the information in making choices based on accessibility needs. The Committee (Brooks, Carmichael, and Farabee) may also do spot checks to be certain the businesses are correct in the assessment of their accessibility.

New Business

NDEAM – Nelson reported.

Nelson requested that the DAC help with the marketing for the NDEAM event with an in-kind donation of printing costs. The event will be held at Cherapa Place on October 7, 2010, 5:15/5:30p for 1.5 hours, with John Robinson presenting. Food will be provided by Wild Sage Grille. Howalt McDowell is sponsoring the venue.

We should be able to provide some printing without any problem.

HRC Report

No HRC meeting in June – no report.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

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

The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, @ 3:00pm, HRC Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.