

# Disability Awareness Commission

## Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall

August 18, 2010 3:00pm

### Call to Order

Co-chairperson Carmichael called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

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

Commission members absent: Misty Farabee and Vicki Nelson

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present: Dave Pfeifle, City Attorney

### Welcome Guests

City Attorney Dave Pfeifle was welcomed. Dave was recently appointed as the City Attorney and attended the meeting to gain familiarity of the DAC and what the Commission is working on. Round table introductions followed.

### Approval of Minutes

**Fiedler moved to approve the June 16, 2010, meeting minutes; Brooks seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.**

### Continuing Business

NDEAM 2010 – The 2010 NDEAM event will be October 1, 2010, 5-7 p.m. at Cherapa Place.

Hotel Survey Update – The Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) received nineteen hotel accessibility surveys. Sometime after Labor Day the Committee will meet to discuss spot checks of some of the venues that submitted surveys to verify the information submitted.

The CVB asked if we would like them to send the request for survey again.

The end result will be to link the self-reported accessibility information to the CVB website for visitors to find accessible accommodations when they visit Sioux Falls.

2009 Projects Update –

**Art Exhibit** –ARTability wrap-up –Johnson reported

Committee felt the event was a success, did not hear any negative remarks. There were fifty five exhibitors.

Due to not responding to the invitation, there were not enough flowers for the artists and we didn't have name tags for everyone. (Name tags were made for those who RSVP'd). Next time we should have blank ones on hand to fill out. The group was disappointed the Mayor didn't attend.

SD Achieve's Accent on Events fed 65 from the appetizer table and 80 deserts. Their jewelry division also did well on sales.

The Museum of Visual Materials would like to be involved again next year. The only open time slot is Nov/Dec 2011.

The Commission discussed whether to host the event again next year or wait a year. Some felt artists wouldn't have art available without more notice, while others felt the momentum should continue with another right away. If we have it in 2011, Nov/Dec isn't an ideal time for people to attend due to weather conditions. Other venue options to consider – Pavilion, Avera Cancer Institute, and the Orpheum.

It was decided that we should explore having it again and let the ArtAbility Committee work out the details.

### 2010 projects

Awareness training for school kids – Fiedler reported.

Fiedler has a copy of the online video - 10 Tips for Kids: Disability Etiquette for the elementary school presentations. Arneson is unable to attend all of the sessions so Vicki Kerkvliet has been invited to be the MC for the sessions. Fiedler would like someone to make sure the equipment is set up and ready to go no later than 1pm. The schools will provide all of the equipment and the set-up; she just wants to be certain it will work so there are no delays. She has some People First brochures to hand out at each session.

Fiedler will meet with Dale Veatch, Sue LaQua, and Sue McAdaragh to get names of possible panelists.

DeeAnn Conrad will be in charge of the taping the presentation. They will tape the final one. This will give the School District time to get permission from the parents for their children to be taped. If the DAC wants a copy, we will have to request our own permission forms.

The Principal of JFK has asked to meet with a Commission rep and Fiedler and O'Connor have volunteered to do that.

### **New Business**

#### US Access Board Webinar On ADA Issues – Garry

Garry handed out information on US Access Board's training webinars and asked to please spread the word that they are available.

#### Misc. – Garry

Garry also handed out information on the Job Accommodation Network's (JAN) Campaign for Disability Employment which listed things you can do to promote the campaign's "What Can You Do?" message among employers.

Garry passed around the three latest accessible parking surveys that were submitted since the last meeting.

### **HRC Report**

The HRC made the final selection of the three finalists for the Humanitarian Award out of the fourteen submitted.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, Fiedler moved and O'Connor seconded to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th @ 3:00pm, HRC Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.