

# Disability Awareness Commission

## Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall

September 15, 2010 3:00pm

### Call to Order

Co-chairperson Farabee called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Commission members present: Travis Arneson, Patty Brooks, Misty Farabee, Ardell Fiedler, and Nancy Johnson.

Commission members absent: Peggy Carmichael, Vicki Nelson, Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon and Ted Ornas

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

### Welcome Guests

### Approval of Minutes

**Brooks moved to approve the August 18, 2010, meeting minutes; Johnson seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.**

### Continuing Business

Hotel Survey Update – The Committee (Brooks, Carmichael, and Farabee) is working on setting up visits to some of the survey respondents to verify the information submitted.

The CVB plans to resend the survey to get more participation from their members.

2009 Projects Update –

**ArtAbility** – Johnson reported

The Committee (Farabee, Johnson, Ornas, and Nelson) 'met' via email and decided to organize the event again for 2011 in Nov/Dec and have reserved the venue, Museum of Visual Materials (MoVM). They wanted the continuity of the same venue and it worked well for the past exhibit.

The artist reception will be November 10, 2011.

**Raised Bed Garden** – Farabee

Farabee brought pictures of the raised garden beds in use.

More beds would be great, but it would have to be a project for a service group, not for the DAC to take on again. The cost of the building materials are a hindrance. Maybe the supplies would be donated if a service group took it on.

## 2010 projects

**Elementary School Awareness Training** – Fiedler reported.

We have \$5 Wal-Mart gift cards for each of the seven panelists.

The Committee (Fiedler, O'Connor, Ornas, Johnson, and Nelson) have gotten positive feedback from the schools and from the panelist's parents.

Would we do it again next year? Need to approach the School District again, but the Committee feels it is a good project to pursue.

## New Business

Farabee asked that each Commissioner bring at least two ideas to the next meeting for 2011 projects. Staff will send out a reminder with the meeting materials prior to the next meeting.

### Misc.

NDEAM Conference is October 7, 2010, 5-6:30pm at Cherapa Place. The event is sponsored by SD Bd of Voc Rehab and Howalt McDowell Insurance. John Robinson is the keynote speaker. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beverages available and door prizes

For more information contact Vicki Nelson – 367-5330.

September 24, 2010 is a Veteran's stand-down – 9am -3pm at the Salvation Army. The event offers on-the-spot help to Veterans.

## HRC Report

The HRC is preparing for the Humanitarian Award reception/program.

They have plans to get on Facebook – separate from the City's Facebook.

Their Education Committee has put together a 'cheat sheet' outlining the Commission's purpose. The DAC should review the duties listed on our webpage and put together something similar.

## Public Comment

Fiedler reported that two students with visual impairments are meeting with the Mayor.

Ornas called in to let us know that as part of October's Disability Awareness Month, KELO will be working with him on a reverse shadowing project. Instead of someone with a disability shadowing, a manager will shadow the person with a disability. He is working out the details.

Fiedler reported that Ryan Green's job at PVA has been filled by Ken Laughlin.

## **Adjournment**

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

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20th @ 3:00pm, HRC Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.