

Disability Awareness Commission  
Minutes  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
October 19, 2011 3:00pm

**Call to Order**

Co-chairperson Carmichael called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Ardell Fiedler Nancy Johnson, Vicki Nelson and Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon (3:08),.

Commission members absent: Travis Arneson and Patty Brooks

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager and Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

**Welcome Guest(s)**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Farabee moved to approve the September 21, 2011, meeting minutes; Johnson seconded.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Continuing Business**

ADA Resource Library – The display is located at the east end of the library, at the far end opposite the entry doors. We may need to provide more guidance next year about additional materials. Five hundred bookmarks will be printed – some for this display and others to hand out at events.

ArtAbility 2011 – Currently have fifty pieces of art and twenty five artists registered. The Committee should meet again, maybe at the museum to work out final details.

Misty would like to have email addresses listed on the entry forms as a way to contact entrants.

KELO ads are running the call for art until the deadline and will change to the poster after the deadline.

We will not be accepting any more entries after the deadline. Invitations should be sent to art and special ed teachers. The invitations should be ready by Friday and the RSVP date will be 10/28. So we will need to get any additional names for invitations right away. Acceptance letters will need to be sent to the artists, also. We will need to get the program information to Kathy no later than 11/3. Gustaf's should be contacted about a deadline on flower count.

Awareness Training: The sessions at Sanford were successful. There were about 60 participants on site. They would like to do another in March/April. The survey ratings were fours or fives. Presentation by people with disabilities was well received and the questions were relevant to their situations. The audience was made up of nurses, lab techs, rehab reps, some doctors and the head chef.

The next training will be at the Diversity Conference on November 15. The panel will have two presentations – 9:45-10:55 and 2:55-4:05. The DAC and HRC will share a booth.

Gas Station Stickers – no report

Hotel Survey Update – The ADA is now requiring accessibility information to be posted on hotel websites. So continuing with this project isn't practical. We could find other projects to work with the CVB on and have on their website.

## **New Business**

Brainstorm Ideas for 2012 Projects -

- 1.) Add other information to the CVB website, like venues in Sioux Falls that are accessible
- 2.) Create awareness regarding hotel websites by contacting hotels
- 3.) Awareness Training – hospitals and some other schools
- 4.) Resource Library – continue, develop further
- 5.) ARTability – look for another venue or find another event to partner with (revisit after this year's event)

## **HRC Report**

The HRC's education committee is making plans for their booth at the Diversity Conference.

The guess-timate for attendance at the Humanitarian Award was about 120 guests. The committee continues to struggle over whom should be getting invitations. They are having discussions about revamping the nomination process to include being an ongoing process. They would like to have lapel pins made for each nominee as a way to remember their nomination.

One of the HRC members could be an awareness training panel member.

## **Public Comment**

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, **Fiedler moved and O'Connor seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2011 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.