

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
May 18, 2011 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-chairperson Carmichael called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Nancy Johnson, Lynda O'Connor-Ohayon, and Vicki Nelson.

Commission members absent: Travis Arneson and Ardell Fiedler

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

Welcome Guest(s)/New Member

Welcome to the new DAC member Julie Briggs. Briggs replaces Ted Ornas who resigned after moving out of the area. We overlooked welcoming her at the April 20th meeting. Briggs is the Executive Director of the newly created Business Resource Network that works with business to find opportunities for individuals with disabilities. A more personal connection to the DAC's mission is her children who have disabilities.

Approval of Minutes

Brooks moved to approve the April 20, 2011, meeting minutes; Briggs seconded.
The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

ADA Resource Library – No update

ArtAbility 2011 – Johnson reported

Johnson will be meeting with Achieve to sign a contract and also review the suggested menu.

Staff will send out another notice about the event in August and will display a poster at the July ADA Celebration.

Awareness Training – O'Connor reported

The Sanford training is on schedule for next March. They are planning using teleconferencing to reach their satellite locations.

The SD Safety Council probably won't give notice until July if we will be involved with their conference.

Gas Station Stickers – No report – Arneson was not present.

Hotel Survey Update – Brooks reported

The surveys that were previously submitted have been scanned and forwarded to the CVB – April 25th. They have another new person in the position that we've been dealing with – Krista.

The Committee didn't know if they should post the surveys since the participants weren't informed that they would be posted. After a brief discussion, a copy of the survey will be sent to each venue that submitted a survey with their thank you for participating and will be asked if they want their survey posted. Sending a copy of what was submitted will refresh their memory and may generate an updated survey.

New Business

June 9, 2011, Human Relations Meeting – Staff reported

June 9th is the regular monthly HRC meeting. Staff would like to invite all of the 'sister' boards to attend. Service awards and recognition to departing board members and welcoming of new members will be on the agenda. Please let staff know by Monday, June 6th if you will be able to attend. The meeting starts at Noon and lunch will be provided.

HRC Report

The HRC did not meet in May since the HRC Manager was at training.

Public Comment

Special Olympics are this weekend. Activities begin on Thursday, May 19 and conclude on Saturday the 21st.

Adjournment

Having no further business, **O'Connor moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2011 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.