

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
October 17, 2012 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-chairperson Briggs called the meeting to order at 3:06PM.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Nancy Johnson, and Matt Pruner.

Commission members absent: Patty Brooks, Kendra Gottsleben, Chelle Hart, and Vicki Nelson.

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager

Guest(s) present: Regan Smith, City Emergency Management and Sandy Frentz, City's Public Health Manager.

Welcome Guest(s)

Regan Smith is with Emergency Management and Sandy Frentz is the Public Health Manager.

Steven Siano (3:50 p.m.) self-introduced; has disability – PTSD and Asperger's.

Approval of Minutes

Johnson moved to approve the September 19, 2012, meeting minutes; Carmichael seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

Committees - Updates –

ARTAbility – Committee = Johnson, Farabee (Chairperson), Gottsleben and Carmichael

Vicki Kerkvliet has agreed to play the flute again. Carmichael contacted Accent on Events and is waiting to hear back. Gottsleben contacted Jodi Paulsen with Inspirations to be sure that group is aware of the upcoming event.

Awareness – Committee = Briggs (Chairperson), Nelson, Johnson, & Hart

Briggs reported that the school district is not interested in training this year. Sanford has expressed an interest; just don't know what or when. No report back from Avera.

Celebrate Church hosted a Ball for people with disabilities and Briggs provided disability etiquette training for the volunteers and also 'advertised' the DAC.

The NDEAM event took place on 10/11. Moran was the keynote speaker; she did a great job. She also moderated a panel of four businesses that have employed people with disabilities.

Citizens on Parking Patrol (COPP) – Committee =Farabee (Chairperson), Pruner, staff

No report.

Mentoring Day – Committee = Carmichael, Briggs, Moran (Chairperson), Nelson and Sarah Dykstra

Mentoring Day is October 23rd. They have nine adults with disabilities participating. The participating employers are Black Hills Beauty College, Creative Co-op, Siouxland Libraries, and City Hall.

White Cane Day - Moran

White Cane Day was October 13th, at 11a.m. downtown at 12th & Phillips Avenue. Moran read the proclamation. After the march through downtown with the banner – White Cane Law – It's a Lifesaver – they had a panel discussion and a video at the Main Library. Fifty –plus people attended.

New Business

Emergency Preparedness – Sandy Frentz and Regan Smith

Smith educated the group on the city's Unified Command, made up of Minnehaha and Lincoln County Sheriff departments, Sioux Falls Police and Fire Rescue, both hospitals, Sioux Falls School District Superintendent and the department of Public Works. The Unified Command meets every other month at the Instructional Planning Center on 37th Street. Smith shared the COAD Brochure (Community Organization Active in Disaster). He also informed that there is a disaster page on the city website ready to be turned on when needed and 211 is contracted for disaster hotline and will help coordinate volunteers. Nixle, a Community Information Service, is also available in Sioux Falls, designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology including web, e-mail and cell phone. Smith expressed that the hope is residents will be self-sufficient in a disaster for the first 2-3 days.

Frentz is a Public Health Manager and works to bring local hospitals together. She distributed the *Taking Responsibility for Emergency Preparedness: A Decade of Planning* brochure. The hope is to get community based organizations to help those they normally serve be prepared. Emergency Preparedness booklet is also distributed and is available in PDF on the city

website. The hope is to get this booklet out to the community. Frentz also distributed a draft of the Tool Kit and would like feedback on its contents.

Briggs asked what the DAC can do to help and Frentz and Smith both agreed that they need help getting the word out, but also if DAC members are aware of any other needs, they will make a plan for it.

HRC Report

Briggs attended the HRC's October 11^h meeting.

The HRC discussed the Humanitarian Award. They are looking for ways to get more people to attend. They discussed having a local celebrity as the MC and will brainstorm a guest invitation list.

Some of the Commission members (included Briggs) met to discuss revisions to Chapter 21 1/2 of the Revised Ordinances of Sioux Falls. This is the Human Relations ordinance which also regulates the DAC and the ADA Accessibility Review Board. The DAC should review their listed responsibilities to make sure they are still accurate.

Roundtable/Public Comment

Briggs –A pancake breakfast – Chris' Cakes -fundraiser for BRN and Project Search will be on October 21st at Active Generations, 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 in advance; \$6 at the door.

Farabee – SF Special Olympics plans to find a recruitment volunteer. They would also like to have a booth at community events – let her know of any coming up.

Moran – Community Connections had their second group on October 15 & 16 – full day sessions. It was a good group.

Pruner – has been helping out with the youth group at his church and at the Bowden Youth Center.
He brought Teddy today – his service animal. The dog opens doors, hits buttons, and light switches for Pruner.

Adjournment

Having no further business, **Farabee moved and Carmichael seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2012 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Misty Farabee and Carol Garry.