

Disability Awareness Commission  
Minutes  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
May 16, 2012 3:00pm

**Call to Order**

Co-chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

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

Commission members absent: Travis Arneson

Staff present: Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

**Welcome Guest(s)**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Briggs moved to approve the April 18, 2012, meeting minutes; Farabee seconded.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Continuing Business**

Committees - Updates –

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

The call for art has been sent out and is posted on the City's website and on the Sioux Falls Arts Council's site.

**Awareness** – Committee =O'Connor, Briggs (Chairperson), Nelson, Johnson

The Committee is working with the NDEAM group on an awareness event for October. Sanford has agreed to be a sponsor and will provide venue and food. Plans are for a breakfast meeting on October 11, 2012. Colleen Moran will be the main speaker and they will have a panel of employers.

They are still waiting to hear from Avera about awareness training for them and are waiting to get in touch with the schools about another round of training for them. Patty McGuire will be taking over that program by the middle of the summer.

**Citizens on Parking Patrol (COPP)** – Committee =Farabee (Chairperson), O'Connor

Farabee met with staff to put together a rough program outline. Before going further Moran will get approval from her director. We'll bring more to the Commission when plans are more definite.

**Convention Visitor's Bureau (CVB)** – Committee = Brooks (Chairperson), Briggs

Brooks was notified by her contact at the CVB that the cover letter and guidelines were sent out to the CVB's membership. Farabee added that the surveys that were completed are now filed in the Commission office.

**Library** – Committee = Carmichael (Chairperson), O'Connor

No report requested.

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

The committee has recently met. Initial plans are to involve twenty businesses and match them to interested students. They plan to schedule them to mentor for three hours and then have a luncheon where all can share their experiences.

**Website (City's)** –Farabee

Staff has started submitting changes to the webmaster's office. Please inform staff of any changes/additions you feel should be considered.

**White Cane Day** – Moran

No update/Moran not in attendance

### **New Business**

No new business reported.

### **HRC Report**

Briggs reported that the HRC staff is busy working on cases.

The HRC Education Committee had new handouts that they will be using at events. Staff also updated the DAC's handout.

The HRC Event Committee is looking for volunteers to staff the booth at Festival of Cultures, 6/16; and Juneteenth, 6/14 (previously reported as 6/19)

The Community Connections program learned about the Human Resources and Human Relations departments. The application/hiring process was detailed. The Parks and Rec department is next.

May 16<sup>th</sup>, the HRC is hosting a presentation by Maria Flores on Diverse Discrimination. Maria is a trainer with the EEOC and will be in the area doing several presentations.

The HRC will also be making major revisions to Chapter 21 1/2 of the Revised Ordinances of Sioux Falls. There are a number of changes that are needed including fair housing issues. Chapter 21 1/2 is the Human Relations ordinance, which includes the Disability Awareness Commission.

### **Roundtable/Public Comment**

O'Connor shared that they are adding a new program in her office – parental capacity inventory. This program will be able to predict abuse or could identify the more suitable parent in custody situations.

Fiedler shared that the rehab center will be undergoing their annual review. Also, July 15 -19 is Transition Week when youth with vision impairments come together and have shared experiences and learn what possibilities are available for them to transition into when they finish their schooling.

Carmichael mentioned that DakotAbilities is opening their latest house mid-June. It will be a seven bed house.

Also – Special Olympics state meet is in Spearfish. The athletes are excited to be going to see Mt. Rushmore.

Farabee added that Special Olympics will have a recruitment person to help find/bring new athletes to the games.

Briggs offered information about the ADA Celebration held 7/26, 5-7 pm at Miracle Field (near Covell Lake). This year's event will have carnival games and a magician, the dance group made up of kids with Down syndrome, and SD Expressions (hopefully).

Nelson's agency is also having their annual review. And Project Search graduation is May24th, 5:30 – 6:30 at the Prairie Center. Four out of the eight graduates have been placed in jobs; three at the hospital.

Garry shared that the new DAC members are Kendra Gottsleben, Matt Pruner, and Chelle Hart.

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, **Farabee moved and Carmichael seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2012 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.