

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
March 20, 2013 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-chairperson Briggs called the meeting to order at 3:07PM.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Nancy Johnson, and Matt Pruner.

Commission members absent: Misty Farabee, Kendra Gottsleben, Chelle Hart, and Vicki Nelson

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

Guest(s) present:

Welcome Guest(s)

Approval of Minutes

Johnson noted an error in the February 20th minutes. **Carmichael moved to approve the February 20, 2013, corrected meeting minutes with the error noted by Johnson corrected; Johnson -seconded.** The corrected meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

Committees - Updates –

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

No committee members present to report. Garry did mention that Farabee secured March/April 2014 with the MoVM for the next exhibit.

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

Celebrate Church will have another ball in April for people with disabilities (mostly cognitive) and will be training volunteers on April 9, 11, and 15 on disability etiquette.

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

Brooks put together a draft of the volunteer application and a power point overview of the program. The application was patterned after Denver's program and the overview after Houston's. These are key documents for presenting our proposal for this program to the police department as they will be an integral part of the program. Pruner placed several calls to Omaha to learn more about their program; no calls were returned.

Spread the Word to End the Word –Sixteen businesses and at least that many schools participated this year. New this year was having those taking the pledge sign a banner that was displayed at each location through the month of March. KSFY did stories before and after the March 6th event; the Argus Leader did an article as well. Rutland put together a video of Moran's visit and those signing to pledge to STWTETW.

New Business

Strategic Planning – Staff handed out Ch. 98 of the Code of Ordinances of Sioux Falls. The City's ordinances were recently recodified as required by state law. The Human Relations Ordinance which the DAC falls under changed from Chapter 21 1/2 to Chapter 98. This handout is to replace Ch 21 1/2 in members' board books.

Moran handed out copies of Chapter 98 that applies directly to the DAC. She asked that everyone take the time to review this and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. Moran is working on a more thorough revision of the Human Relations Ordinance and would like to be sure the ordinance correctly identifies what the DAC's duties and responsibilities are or should be. Also if any of the other sections need to be changed or updated.

Brooks asked if we need language in there that addresses members' absences at meetings. There is another document that does address this issue.

HRC Report

No official March HRC meeting as there was a lack of quorum. The Chair waited until 12:15pm before calling the lack of quorum. Those present did discuss some matters, but no official business was undertaken.

Roundtable/Public Comment

Carmichael – she is involved with 'Operation Prom Dress'. The event is March 23rd. They won't know until May if they will be moving. So far, no job offers in WY.

Briggs –BRN website has seen a 70% increase in activity.

Brooks – the Compass Center will be featured in the April ETC magazine. Brooks has been nominated for two categories for the YWCA Tribute to Women – executive leadership and non-profit. The event is April 25th.

Moran – her nephew played on the Madison State A Basketball Champion Team.

Pruner – has been applying for jobs; this has been hampered because he's been ill.

Johnson – got a job at Citibank. She will be working Noon to 11p.m. so she will no longer be able to attend meetings. This is her last meeting.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2013 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.