

Disability Awareness Commission  
Minutes  
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall  
April 17, 2013 3:00pm

**Call to Order**

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

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Kendra Gottsleben, Chelle Hart, Vicki Nelson, and Matt Pruner.

Commission members absent: Misty Farabee and Nancy Johnson.

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

Guest(s) present:

**Welcome Guest(s)**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Hart moved to approve the March 20, 2013, minutes; Carmichael - seconded.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Continuing Business**

Committees - Updates –

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

No committee meeting. Next exhibit will be March/April 2014 at MoVM.

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

Briggs will train 200 volunteers on disability etiquette for Celebrate Church's ball for people with disabilities held on April 25th.

Wellmark is interested in setting up a training session.

NDEAM planning is underway. Event is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sanford Research Center. Plans are for a breakfast meeting with the Job Accommodation Network (JAN) presenting.

May 3 presentation for the Dept. of Labor

May 15 presentation for one of the Rotary clubs

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

There is nothing new to report.

Once in place, information regarding the program will be posted on the web and Facebook along with a press release.

### **Chapter 98 – Duties/Responsibilities**

The only comment regarding the duties/responsibilities listed under the DAC's section of Chapter 98 was under officers – we do not have a designated secretary. Garry takes the minutes for the Commission and in the past a third officer is named in place of a secretary. Moran will address this in the revisions she is working on.

Moran cautioned the Commission when setting up committees if there is a majority of the Commission (quorum) meeting as a subcommittee; it is to be considered a public meeting therefore proper notice and taking of minutes need to be considered.

### **New Business**

#### **HRC Report**

The April HRC meeting was cancelled due to the bad weather conditions – travel not advised.

#### **Roundtable/Public Comment**

Carmichael – recently had surgery and is recovering nicely.

Briggs – busy with trainings.

Brooks – the Compass Center recently added five new board members; one of them is Jeff Munce.

Moran – nothing for the record.

Pruner – working with his youth group; helping to clean up yards after the ice storm

Gottsleben – the March *Handicap This* presentation in Vermillion had a good turn-out

Hart – Initial planning meeting for October's White Cane March is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Also, Chelle has written a book – from her dog's perspective. It will be available online.

Nelson – Project Search has been very successful. Four out of five 'graduates' have full-time employment making ten dollars per hour with benefits. The Transition Specialist will be meeting with students with disabilities who will be going off to college.

Garry – There is a public meeting scheduled for Paratransit Peak-Period Reduction Outside  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of Transit Fixed-Route Area on Monday, April 22, 2013, at 3:45pm. Please let others know so they can have a good input from the public.  
Also, if anyone needs help with branch clean-up they should call 211.

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2013 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.