

Disability Awareness Commission  
Minutes  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
August 21, 2013 3:00pm

**Call to Order**

Co-chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:10P.M.

Commission members present: Kendra Gottsleben, Chelle Hart, Kevin Horner (left @ 3:30pm), Lori Lewison, Vicki Nelson, Sheila Sandness and Walt Schaefer.

Commission members absent: Julie Briggs and Michelle Grimm

Staff present: Carol Garry , Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present: none present

**Welcome Guest(s)**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Horner moved to approve the July 17, 2013, minutes; - Gottsleben seconded.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Continuing Business**

Committees – Updates/Committee Assignments

**ArtAbility** – Gottsleben (leader), Nelson, Sandness

Next exhibit is planned for March/April 2014. We need to get going on this so artists will have time to prepare. The other board members will be asked to help out on the evening of the artist's reception.

**Awareness** – Briggs (leader), Hart, Horner, Nelson

October 3 is the date for the local event – a breakfast meeting/presentation at Sanford Research sponsored by BRN and other organizations.

**COPP** – Lewison, Schaefer, staff

This project is on hold pending review with appropriate police dept. staff and the assistant city attorney assigned to the police dept.

## **New Business**

### **Brainstorm Ideas for the 2015 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA**

- **Organizations to partner with:**  
SHRM (Society of Human Resource Management)  
SD's ADA Coordinators  
Housing Organizations  
Existing ADA Celebration committee/organizations
  
- **Venue:**  
Convention Center  
Orthopedic Institute  
Sanford Research  
New hotels w/convention space
  
- **Program/Events:**  
Employment  
Housing  
Accommodations  
Adaptive equipment/technology  
Transportation
  
- **Funding/Fundraising:**  
Develop partnerships  
Dakota King (Burger King)  
J& L Harley Davidson  
Get list of employers who employ people with disabilities

## **HRC Report**

No August meeting – no report

### **Roundtable/Public Comment**

**Nelson** – Office is busy. October 15, 16, 17 is Voc Rehab's fall conference.

**Gottsleben** – Center for Disabilities is sponsoring a few computer based lunch and learn sessions – the first one is August 28<sup>th</sup>. Staff will email information to DAC members.

She recently attended a convention in New Jersey for people who have her same disability – met someone who lives in SD.

**Hart** – White Cane Day is October 12<sup>th</sup>. The celebration will start with a mayoral proclamation and then a march to the downtown library where they will have a panel discussion.

SD Association of the Blind will be having their state convention at the Holiday Inn City Centre on September 27 & 28. The theme is 'Taking Care of Yourself through Good Health'. They will have free health screenings for dues- paying members – others will pay \$15 to be screened.

Lewison – At work - busy with healthcare reform

Sandness – She's working on a housing issue with Moran's help.

Schaefer – Recognizing National Direct Support Professionals week – NDSP Achieve passed the SQL accreditation. Green Star is September 27<sup>th</sup>. He will be traveling to Bismarck for six state summit.

Garry – Human Relations Commission's Humanitarian Award event is August 29<sup>th</sup> – all were sent an invitation.

### **Adjournment**

**Having no further business, Hart moved to adjourn, Lewison seconded; the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2013 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.