

Disability Awareness Commission  
Minutes  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
April 16, 2014 3:00pm

**Call to Order**

Co-chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:07P.M.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Kevin Horner, Lori Lewison(3:15), Vicki Nelson, Sheila Sandness, and Walt Schaefer.

Commission members absent: Kendra Gottsleben, Michelle Grimm, and Chelle Hart

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

Guest(s) present:

**Welcome Guest(s)**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Briggs moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 19, 2014, Schaefer seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.**

**Continuing Business**

Committees – Updates/Committee Assignments

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

Nelson reported. There was a good turnout for the artists' reception. Suggestions for the next one: have a small program to introduce the artists who are present and willing; schedule the reception on a Friday evening; schedule exhibit for March/April again. Staff will contact the MoVM with the scheduling requests.

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

Disability Friendly sticker program is going well. They just added ten more; have about 20 on the program so far. Recent additions: all 9 Burger Kings, Costco, Sanford Pentagon. They also received a nomination from California. The Mayor has agreed to do a follow-up press conference. Anyone who wants to attend a presentation, contact Briggs. The BRN has a list of those receiving stickers.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA** - Lori Lewison, Kendra Gottsleben, Vicki Nelson, and Michelle Grimm

Horner has talked with the Augustana golf coach. There could be a problem with NCAA rules so we should stay with the high school golf teams for volunteers.

The golf committee needs to meet again before moving forward. (Early morning meeting works best)

**COPPS Program** – the HRC intern found some resources to use for the ordinance that allows volunteers to write tickets for accessible parking violations.

### **New Business**

No new business on the agenda, but Moran would like the DAC to review their handout materials and offer any suggestions on how to improve. Briggs suggested making the logo ‘pop’ more. Staff is meeting next week with the City’s Graphic Designer to review/discuss.

### **HRC Report**

HRC discussed some possible changes to their website to improve accessibility and content.

They are awarding the 2014 Humanitarian Award in three categories – individual, business, and organization.

### **Roundtable/Public Comment**

Nelson – The new counselor at Voc Rehab starts on May 9<sup>th</sup>. They are expanding Project Search to include individuals up to age twenty-six..

Sandness – Sheila is teaching her bird to whistle the Andy Griffith Show theme song.

Horner – Kevin is working on their upcoming adaptive cycling event. They are having a ‘sitting’ clinic to help individuals with adaptive cycling.

Schaefer – Recently announced Achieve’s merger with CCHS to become LifeScape. It has been exciting and challenging. Colleen mentioned that Josh (comes in to do shredding) was excited to say he was at LifeScape now. Upcoming events June 7<sup>th</sup> – Tablesapes, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Vibe Run, July 12<sup>th</sup> – 5K and July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Big Cup, their golf event. Walt’s daughter just finished an undefeated season with the Dakota Spirit cheer team. A lot of traveling involved, good to have a break now.

Lewison – Achieve’s (LifeScape’s) pancake breakfast was great. This was the first year at The District and seemed like there were more people and they stayed longer. The staff at The District was great to work with.

Personally – her folks are ‘healing’.

Briggs – The BRN is continuing with their sticker program.  
The State is coming next week - the Governor’s Task Force has recommended using BRN’s model for other places in the state.

Scotty received the Sue Ann Big Crow award in Pierre on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment:

### **Adjournment**

**Having no further business, Horner moved to adjourn, Briggs seconded.  
The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.**

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for May 21, 3p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

These minutes submitted by Carol Garry.