

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
January 21, 2015 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-Chair Walt Schaefer called the meeting to order at 3:04 P.M.

Commission members present: Deb Aden, Kevin Horner, Sarah Jo Jorgensen, Sheila Sandness, and Walt Schaefer

Commission members absent: Kendra Gottsleben, Lori Lewison, and Chelle Hart

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager

Guest(s) present: None

Welcome Guest(s)

No guests present

Approval of Minutes

Jorgensen moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 15, 2014. Horner seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

Committees – Updates

ArtAbility (Gottsleben, Sandness, and Jorgensen - Leader – Gottsleben) – Jorgensen reported that sponsors have been contacted and agreed to sponsor as they have in the past; Currently, the focus is on getting the word out to artists.

Awareness (Horner, Hart, Grimm and Aden – Leader – Aden) – There was nothing new to report about the DAC's awareness activities; however, Horner updated the Commission on upcoming events, which included an adaptive ski event and an adaptive hockey event.

25th Anniversary of the ADA (Lori Lewison, Deb Aden, Kendra Gottsleben, and Michelle Grimm- Leader – Lewison) – Moran and Aden provided information regarding the celebration. Two individuals have agreed to provide keynote addresses; the event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn – Downtown; a planning meeting involving the DAC and other groups is scheduled for January 30, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. at the PVA facility.

New Business

Election of Officers:

Nominations for officers were sought. The Commission elected Schaefer and Lewison as co-chairs and Aden as the third officer.

HRC Report

Schaefer provided information about the January Human Relations Commission meeting. He reported that Darwin Wolf, Humanitarian Award sculptor, met with the HRC to discuss the 2014 awards and presented a plan for the 2015 awards; Schaefer also shared information about disability discrimination cases that were discussed at the meeting, and about the Commission's plan for establishing committees.

Roundtable/Public Comment

Sandness –Reported on the Ms. Wheelchair South Dakota, which was held on January 17. She was part of the planning committee. The event was considered a success and will likely become an annual event.

Aden – Reminded Commission members that EmBe is seeking nominations for its Tribute to Women event; she also advised members of an event called, "In Her Shoes", which is a fundraising event for Dress for Success Sioux Falls and EmBe.

Jorgensen – Advised members that, through her work, she will be attending "The Superhero Show", which is a mixed-ability theatrical performance.

Public Comment: No comments.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Aden moved to adjourn, Horner seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2015, 3p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

These minutes submitted by Colleen Moran.