

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
April 15, 2015 3:00pm

Call to Order

Lori Lewison, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:06 P.M.

Commission members present: Deb Aden, Kevin Horner (left @ 4), Sarah Jo Jorgensen, Sheila Sandness, Walt Schaefer, Kendra Gottsleben, Lori Lewison

Commission members absent: Chelle Hart

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager; Vandhana Baireddy, Human Rights Community Coordinator

No Guests Present

Welcome

The Commission welcomed new Commission Member, Tana Zwart.

Approval of Minutes

Sara Jo Jorgensen moved to approve the March 18, 2015, meeting minutes. Deb Aden seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

Committees – Updates

1. ArtAbility Wrap-up (Gottsleben, Sandness, and Jorgensen - Leader – Gottsleben)

ArtAbility was well-attended. Committee members estimated that approximately 250 people attended the event. Some artists sold their work during the event.

2. 25th Anniversary of the ADA (Lori Lewison, Deb Aden, Kendra Gottsleben, Leader – Lewison)

Lori Lewison reported that the sponsorship committee, the logistics committee, and the program committee are all on track. The goal is to have all the sponsors on board by June 1.

New Business

1. Commission Duties and Responsibilities were reviewed at the last meeting, but are part of new business because of their connection to the current, past, and future projects.
2. The Commission reviewed its current and past projects. The Commission agreed to continue to support and participate in ArtAbility; White Cane Law

Day; the Disability Friendly Sticker Program; Spread the Word to End the Word; and the Disability Mentoring Day.

3. The Commission also reviewed possible new projects: updating or developing additional education and awareness materials; participating in public events; developing the Citizen on Parking Patrol programs; making presentations to groups and organizations; developing a barrier removal event; and exploring disability and domestic violence.
4. The Commission discussed the development of committees for the projects. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

HRC Report

Aden updated the DAC on the HRC April meeting.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015, 3 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

These minutes submitted by Colleen Moran.