



## **Meeting Minutes**

First Floor Conference Room, City Hall

September 20, 2017

3:00pm

**Commission members present:** Kimberly Huff, Dierdre DiMemmo (teleconference), Sarah Jo Jorgensen, Tana Zwart, Sheila Sandness

**Commission members absent:** Deb Aden, Joyce Heiser, Lori Lewison, Kendra Gottsleben

**Staff present:** Colleen Moran, Assistant City Attorney, Valerie Schonewill, Human Relations Specialist

**Guest present:** Cyndi Holmquest

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The August minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Presentation on ILC**

Jorgensen described the services that Independent Living Choices offers to people with disabilities. Every state is required by federal law to have an independent living center. ILC's goal is to keep people in their homes and help them learn independent functioning life skills. They offer hands-on training for such skills. They also offer information and referral, peer counseling, personal attendant services, home modification adaptive devices, and education on the ADA.

### **Introduction and Information – Police Community Resource Officer**

Cyndi Holmquest talked about her new position with the Sioux Falls Police Department. She has been with the SFPD for 5 years, but recently stepped into this role of being the contact person for diverse communities throughout Sioux Falls. She is still an officer and will take reports and show up to calls, but her primary role is outreach and overcoming barriers and misconceptions about law enforcement.

## **Continuing Business – Marketing Materials**

Some more plans were made for PSAs to raise awareness about disabilities. The categories will include: Difference between service animals and pets (DiMemmo volunteered to help with this one), Unique difficulties present with victims of violence who have disabilities (Officer Holmquest will help with this one), Some disabilities are invisible (Schonewill will help with this one), Parking (Zwart volunteered to be in this one), Adaptive sports for people with disabilities (Sandness volunteered to help with this one), Addressing disasters and people with disabilities (Jorgensen volunteered to be in this one).

## **Civil Rights Update**

Schonewill reported that the shipyard Huntington Ingalls in Virginia is being sued by the EEOC for discrimination in hiring based on disability. An individual received a conditional offer of employment contingent on passing a hearing test. They did not allow him to wear his hearing aids for the test, and so he failed and they rescinded the job offer.

Moran shared that she did a six hour training on fair housing practices, which included accommodations for residents with disabilities.

## **Public Comment**

No public was present for public comment.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.

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

*These minutes submitted by Valerie Schonewill*