



Meeting Minutes

First Floor Conference Room, City Hall

July 26, 2017

3:00pm

Commission members present: Dierdre DiMemmo, Deb Aden, Kendra Gottsleben, Kimberly Huff, Sarah Jo Jorgensen, Tana Zwart, Sheila Sandness

Commission members absent: Joyce Heiser, Lori Lewison

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

Guest(s) present: Rebekkah Kruse

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the May and June meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Welcome New Members

The commission welcomed new board member Dierdre DiMemmo. She has done work with the Special Olympics and with inclusivity in worship services.

Guest Speaker

Rebekkah Kruse spoke to us about her work with Bridging South Dakota, which is a partnership between the SD Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, and the Communication Services for the Deaf. They try to foster understanding of the unique difficulties found in the intersection between disability and violence in SD, and educate services on how to best assist victims with disabilities.

There were a few suggestions about how the Disabilities Awareness Commission could assist and partner with Bridging South Dakota:

- Members can sit on these agencies' board meetings and represent people with disabilities
- Members can discuss these issues with friends and family to help raise awareness
- The commission can partner with them and do a PSA through CityLink

Civil Rights Update

Moran spoke about a hospital that was caught committing fraud by giving people with disabilities excessive services that weren't necessary to profit off them.

There is a new community liaison position in the SF Police Department, and they will receive training on assistance for people with disabilities.

Public Comment

No public was present for public comment.

Adjournment

Organizations Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for August 16th, at 3 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

These minutes submitted by Valerie Schonewill