


<b>MINUTES</b>	Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.	 <b>CITY OF SIOUX FALLS</b>
<b>Disability Awareness Commission Meeting</b>	Commission Room 1st Floor – City Hall 224 West Ninth Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota	

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Morgan Jackson, Joshua Reinfeld, Sheila Sandness, Carolyn Ly-Donovan, Kimberly Huff, Sarah Jo Jorgensen

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tana Zwart

**STAFF PRESENT:** Valerie Schonewill

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**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 3:05 p.m.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

The agenda was rearranged to allow the group from Augustana to go first, so the approval of the minutes was moved to after Business or Pending Issues.

**BUSINESS OR PENDING ISSUES BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

The Public Relations Student Society of America from Augustana University gave a presentation on the outreach they could provide for the commission. They identified key publics, discussed the potential benefits of using Instagram and Facebook. They shared sample content that could be posted on social media such as disability facts, disability tips, and commissioner bios. They offered to do promotions for the 2020 ARTability event, and share story of Think of Me Keep it Free sign campaign. They have content created for February through May and could create more content for the summer.

Jackson told the commission that they have a \$4-500 budget for ARTability 2020. Jorgensen offered to contact Museum of Visual Materials. The group also discussed looking into having the event in City Hall. They thought it could be something that could happen on the day of the ADA celebration in July.

A group of community members is planning a 30 year celebration of the passing of the ADA. The group discussed collaborating with them for this event. Sandness said she will ask if someone wants to come and talk to our commission about the celebration.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Reinfeld pointed out that his name was misspelled in the September 2019 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Jorgensen and seconded by Ly-Donovan to approve the September minutes with the edit of the spelling of Reinfeld's name. Motion passed.

## **HUMAN RELATIONS DIVISION UPDATE**

The Human Relations Division has 46 active discrimination cases, top three bases: disability, race, and sex. In October the Human Relations Office had 111 walk-ins or phone calls regarding housing, and 44 regarding employment. Also in October, two discrimination cases had successful mediations with settlements – one housing, one employment, both based on disability.

## **CIVIL RIGHTS UPDATE**

The DOJ settled with two hotels in Virginia for disability discrimination. They had both told veterans with service animals that they couldn't stay there because of a no dog policy.

The DOJ settled with a daycare in New Jersey that expelled a three year old child with Down Syndrome because she wasn't fully toilet trained.

The DOJ reached a settlement agreement with a high school in Rhode Island that was segregating students with intellectual and developmental disabilities into a separate workshop.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

No public present for input.

## **NEXT MEETING**

December 10, 2019

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ly Donovan and seconded by Jorgensen to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Schonewill