


MINUTES	Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.	 CITY OF SIOUX FALLS
Disability Awareness Commission Meeting	Human Relations Conference Room 1st Floor – City Hall 224 West Ninth Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota	

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Deb Aden, Carolyn Ly-Donovan, Kimberly Huff, Josh Reinfeld, Morgan Jackson, Sheila Sandness

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Jo Jorgensen, Tana Zwart

STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Haggar, Valerie Schonewill

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Deb Aden at 3:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for March and April were approved unanimously.

HRC ATTORNEY INTRODUCTION

Assistant City Attorney Daniel Haggar introduced himself and explained he will be the new Human Relations attorney as well as the ADA Coordinator for the City.

OFFICER ELECTION

Jackson was nominated for Chair by Sandness, seconded by Reinfeld, and elected unanimously. Sandness was nominated for Vice-Chair by Aden, seconded by Ly-Donovan, and elected unanimously. Reinfeld was nominated for Secretary by Sandness, seconded by Ly-Donovan, and elected unanimously.

ANY BUSINESS OR PENDING ISSUES BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Ly-Donovan brought up the idea of partnership with local schools or groups to increase disability awareness in the community using social media. She also suggested the group discuss planning an event that piggybacks on a larger event. Sandness suggested another adaptive sports video could be of the adaptive biking she is doing for the National Bike Month of May. Haggar reported that he would be looking into the Think of Me parking signs.

CIVIL RIGHTS UPDATE

Schonewill reported that the Human Relations Division has 45 open cases, and the top three bases are race, disability, and sex.

In April a settlement was reached between the DOJ and a grocery store in Connecticut that had refused to serve a woman with a service animal.

In May Greyhound was required to pay over \$3 million in settlements to more than 2,000 individuals due to lack of accessible services.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public was present for comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Schonewill