

<b>MINUTES</b>	Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.	 CITY OF SIOUX FALLS
Disability Awareness Commission Meeting	Commission Room 1st Floor – City Hall 224 West Ninth Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota	

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joshua Reinfeld, Sheila Sandness, Tana Zwart, Carolyn Ly-Donovan, Sarah Jo Jorgensen, Deb Aden, Morgan Jackson

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kimberly Huff

**STAFF PRESENT:** Daniel Haggar, Valerie Schonewill, John Nelson

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Aden and seconded by Jorgensen to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 2019. Vote to approve: 7 Yeses. Motion passed.

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

The Think of Me Keep it Free signs are made and ready to hang. The commission discussed possible locations, agreed downtown would be a good location for the summer, especially near Levitt at the Falls or on Phillips Avenue.

City Attorney Stacey Kooistra presented Lacey, a volunteer in the Human Relations Office with a gold Challenge Coin for recognition of all the hard work she does for the office.

Haggar discussed a possible consolidation with another board. The ADA Accessibility Review Board struggles to retain members, they have similar mission as the Disability Awareness commission, and it may be advantageous to combine the two. It would also involve an ordinance change.

Ly-Donovan reported about an Augustana public relations club. She met with its leader about creating a channel for DAC to use social media for awareness. They would take us on as a PR “client.” She would meet with them in September, they could make a pitch to the commission in October about what they could provide the commission.

There was also a discussion of the mission of the Disability Awareness Commission, which is laid out in City of Sioux Falls Code of Ordinances 98.062.

The group brought up the Humanitarian Award/Compassionate Sioux Falls Awards Banquet, wondering if the DAC can take that on. Haggar said those events are likely not happening this year, we're putting our resources into working on a legal aid group to help people with housing/discrimination issues.

### **HUMAN RELATIONS DIVISION UPDATE**

The Human Relations Division has 46 active discrimination cases, top three bases: race, disability, and sex.

### **CIVIL RIGHTS UPDATE**

The DOJ reached a settlement with York County in South Carolina resolving a lawsuit that they discriminated against an applicant with dwarfism for a Purchasing Manager position. Because of his disability he does not possess a driver's license, and they screened him from the position even though it doesn't require a license to perform essential functions of the job.

In June and July the DOJ reached settlements under the ADA in New Mexico regarding polling places in two counties and several Native American reservations not being accessible to individuals with mobility and vision impairments.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

No public present for input.

### **NEXT MEETING**

September 17, 2019

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ly-Donovan and seconded by Reinfeld to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Schonewill