

MINUTES

Thursday, June 9, 2011



**Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission**

12 Noon—1 p.m.
Commission Room, First Floor
City Hall
224 West Ninth Street

Commissioners: Present: Abbott, Ahrendt, Carlson, Guzman, Hariri, Luecke, Rist, Waara and DAC Liaison – Misty Farabee

Absent: Aware. Lodu and Williams resigned.

Staff: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager; Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant; Kathy Rustwick, Graphic Design Specialist; Josh Wurgler, CAO's summer intern.

Guests: Mayor Mike Huether; incoming HRC members: Katie Bloom, Joanne Haase, Maggie Owens, and Dan Simon; ADA Accessibility Review Board members: Erick Kritzmire, Dennis Theel, and John Faundeen; incoming ADA ARB members Roseann Burkett and Helen Hartmann; Disability Awareness Commission members: Julie Briggs, Peggy Carmichael, Vicki Nelson, and Dr. Lynda O'Connor; and Bill Loewen.

1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests

Chairperson Hariri called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm. Roundtable introductions of the group that included the Human Relations Commission, the ADA Accessibility Review Board and the Disability Awareness Commission. The ADA ARB and the DAC were created under CH 21 1/2 as arms of the HRC. All were invited to this meeting to recognize the retiring members and to welcome the newly appointed members of all of the boards.

2. Approval of Minutes

Rist moved to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2011, meeting; Abbott provided the second. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

3. Presentation of Service Awards by Chair Hariri and Mayor Huether

Mayor Huether presented service awards to the following:

Dennis Theel served three years on the ADA Accessibility Review Board – March 10, 2008 – May 1, 2011. Theel completed the unexpired term of Glen Klemme.

John Faundeen served on the Disability Awareness Commission (May 2001 – 2002), the Human Relations Commission (May 2002 – 2007) and the ADA Accessibility Review Board (May 2007 – 2011). While on the HRC Faundeen

served as chairperson of the commission's first diversity conference. Faundeen is the first person to serve on all three boards created by CH 21 1/2.

Terry Rist served on the Human Relations Commission for two terms, March 2003 – June 2011, completing the unexpired term of Chet Smalley and another full five year term. During this time Rist served as vice chairperson of the Commission and as the chair of the Humanitarian Award committee.

Karla Abbott served on the Human Relations Commission for two terms, May 2002 – June 2011. She completed the unexpired term of Vladimir Chadliev and another full five year term. Abbott served as chairperson of the HRC and has been actively involved in several commission programs/activities.

Teresa Luecke served on the Human Relations Commission for five years, June 2006 – 2011. Luecke served as third officer for the HRC.

Each were presented with a plaque in recognition to their years of service to the community and a heartfelt thank –you from Mayor Huether, HRC Chair Hariri and staff.

4. Appointment—June Case Panel

Ahrendt, Aware, Guzman, Hariri, Waara.

5. Continuing Business

a. Election of Officers

The slate of officers up for election is: Chairperson – Hariri, Vice Chairperson – Clint Waara, and Third Officer – Valorie Ahrendt.

Abbott moved to accept and elect the proposed slate of officers; Ahrendt provided the second. The HRC voted unanimously to elect the slate of officers.

b. Marketing Campaign update

To continue with our “Isn’t that Ridiculous” marketing campaign, staff is looking for volunteers to model for the artwork. Please contact the office if you want to be or know someone who would want to be considered.

6. New Business

a. Recognition/Service Awards – Mayor Huether.

This was moved ahead on the agenda to accommodate the Mayor’s schedule.

b. Juneteenth Celebration

The Commission will have a table at the Juneteenth Celebration (June 16th) and need volunteer to staff it. The event starts at 5pm and goes until 9pm at Falls Park. Let Staff know if you can help out.

7. Disability Awareness Commission Report – Farabee reported.

The DAC is continuing work on their projects identified for 2011.

Plans are confirmed to get an ADA Resource/book display at the library during October – disability awareness month. The library suggested having a bookmark to give away during the event.

The 2nd Annual ArtAbility will be during November and December with the artist’s reception on November 10th.

The Awareness Training committee is planning three events for this fall to include training for Sanford and the Diversity Conference.

The Hotel Survey group has asked the Convention and Visitor's Bureau to post the self-assessment surveys on their website so consumers can review and see for themselves what accessibility accommodations are available at hotels that responded to the survey.

The Gas Station Stickers is a new project this year and is just getting underway.

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment

Having no further business Chairperson Hariri adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Garry.