

MINUTES

Thursday, December 12, 2013



**Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission**

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

Commissioners:

Present: Bouwman, Haase, Harkness, Jones, Kaiser, Reichelt, Scere, Salihagic, and Walker. DAC liaison – Julie Briggs

Absent: Brennan and Mortenson

Staff:

Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager and Carol Garry, Human Relations Technician

Guests: Some members of the Disability Awareness Commission – Kevin Horner, Sheila Sandness, Julie Briggs, and Vicki Nelson

Some members of the ADA Accessibility Review Board – Helen Hartmann, Troy Osterloo, Roseann Burkett, and Doug Hoy

1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests

Chairperson Haase called to order at 12:15pm. Roundtable introductions followed.

2. Approval of Minutes

Jones moved to approve the November 14, 2013, meeting minutes, Walker provided the second. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Status of Cases Report

One case was sent out to the November case panel and one is expected to go to the December panel.

Year-to-date twenty-eight charges have been filed, and we've closed twenty-one charges. Nine of this year's cases went through mediation, five settled.

The HRC recently had a public hearing scheduled. This had to be rescheduled due to one of the parties not receiving their notice within the required amount of time.

4. Appointment—December Case Panel – Case Panel B

Brennan, Jones, Mortenson, Salihagic, and Walker (Haase will be the sub if needed)

5. Continuing Business

a. No continuing business was discussed.

7. New Business –

a. Update from ADA Accessibility Review Board

The ADA ARB reviewed:

- 6th Street reconstruction
- Galway Park master plan
- Phillips Avenue Plaza redesign
- Prairie Meadows – re-review
- Lyon Park Master Plan

They had discussions on/with:

- Sidewalk/ramp barriers for people with vision impairments with a representative from Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Parks and Recreation's policy on Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD)
- Sioux Area Metro's (SAM) Paratransit Services

b. Update from the Disability Awareness Commission

DAC 2013 projects include:

- Disability Friendly Sticker Program
- NDEAM event
- Citizens on Parking Patrol (COPP)
- Spread the Word to End the Word
- ArtAbility (Jan/Feb 2013)
- Begin planning for the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the ADA
- White Cane Law Day march
- Awareness – various presentations to service organizations, etc.

2014 Plans:

- ArtAbility 2014 – March/April
- Continue plans for 25th Anniversary
- COPP program development

c. Update of HRC activities

- 2013 Humanitarian Award
- Booth at the Festival of Cultures
- Booth & presenters at the Diversity Conference
- Community Connections

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- Mayor's Leadership Appreciation Dinner
- Welcomed seven new members
- Made presentations to various employers and service groups

Staff also put together brochures on interacting with people with disabilities and on accessible parking regulations.

7. Public Comment –

Moran wanted to thank all three of these boards for the service they provide to the City and the community.

10. Adjournment

Having no further business Jones moved to adjourn; Reichelt seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Garry.