

October 2012 Minutes
Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Date: October 16, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Claudia Rice, Chairperson

Recorder: Claudia Rice

Board Members Present: Claudia Rice, Don Gardner, Alka Bhargav, Tracy Butterfield

Board Members Absent: Jamie Hill, Dena Johnson, Sheila Fuller, Keith Bedsole, Cana Farr

Guest Present: Meredith Adkins

Call to Order: The Chairperson, Claudia Rice, called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was not present. The board's regular meeting date of the second Tuesday was changed to the third Tuesday in October due to the Chairman being out of town. It was noted that sufficient prior notice of the meeting was given, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Announcements: Claudia Rice passed out the announcements to members present. Additional announcements included tickets to support Special Olympics for the annual Belk Charity Sale and a get-well card for a former board member.

Public Comments – limited to 2 minutes per guest: The board has become aware that there are issues at a Madison apartment complex which houses some residents with disabilities. After discussion, the board agreed that these allegations require investigation. Claudia Rice will look into the matter and reveal her findings at the next board meeting.

Minutes: Because a quorum was not present, no motion was made to approve the September minutes.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Cana Farr, provided a printed copy of the Treasurer's report which Claudia Rice handed out to board members. She noted the ending total balance of \$8,379.38 according to MCDAB's ledger, and \$8,244.84 on the City's ledger. The balance on the Hand-in-Hand Playground account of \$622.57 is in the process of being transferred to the Parks & Recreation Dept. to help pay for the cost of a new grill at the Hand-in-Hand Playground.

Madison Street Festival: The MSF will be discussed at the November meeting.

Committee Reports:

Employment: Alka Bhargav reported that planning for the Human Resource seminar is going well. Don Gardner agreed to help with the registration desk. Claudia Rice will pick up the lunches from Jimmy John's. She will also make final contact with Bill Holtzclaw to discuss his welcoming address. Cana Farr will take photos of the event. Alka will forward a copy of the agenda to the board. She stated that over 30 people have signed up for the seminar and sponsorship will total around \$3,000.00 in cash. Alka played an audio commercial which will air on WVNN (radio channel 93.3). The Employment Committee will meet on Monday evening prior to the event to finalize the plans for Tuesday morning.

Employment Award: Jacqueline Bradley Wilson from Madison City Schools nominated the Space & Rocket Center for the Employment Award. They sponsored the school-work program

which supports high-school students from Madison City Schools' special-needs program by creating a simulated work experience for the students. Claudia Rice will schedule the presentation with City Council, the Space 7 Rocket Center and order the plaque. The anticipated date for the presentation is November 12th.

Accessibility:

1. Public Awareness Campaign: Don is working with Daniel Whitt at James Clemmons H.S. and shooting will begin later this week. Don Gardner, Shannon Roberts and Joanne Pearson will be in the video. The location selected is the Kroger parking lot on Hughes Road. Kroger has given permission for the shoot, but permission must also be given by the property manager, Kemco Realty.
2. Hand in Hand Playground: The new grill has been installed at the playground; however, an apron around the grill still needs to be completed. Kory Alfred is checking with the Finance Dept. about transferring the funds from MCDAB to Parks & Rec. Dept. for the cost of the grill.
3. City Hall Accessibility Signs: The signs have been installed and are located below the handicapped parking signs at City Hall. The signs explain the layout of the building so that people with accessibility issues will know how to navigate the building. Claudia or Don will post a picture of the signs on MCDAB's Facebook page and Sheila will post a copy on our web site.
4. MCDAB's proposed project scholarship to Space Camp update: Tim Hall provided a name and contact information for a scholarship program. Alexis Smith is the contact person. Don has not received a report from her yet and he will follow up on this.

Day Services: no report

Housing: no report

Transportation: Claudia will send a copy of the power point on the MARS program to the new City Council members as well as the new mayor.

Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting will be held on November 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.at City Hall, Conference Room 130.

NOTE: Underlined text indicates an action to be taken by a board member(s).