

July 2013 Minutes
Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Date: July 9, 2013

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Keith Bedsole, Chairperson

Recorder: Joni Haas

Board Members Present: Claudia Rice, Don Gardner, Joni Haas, Cynthia Allison, Keith Bedsole, Gerald Clark, Tracy Butterfield

Board Members Absent: Jamie Hill, Dena Johnson, Kathy Burris

Call to Order: The Chairperson, Keith Bedsole, called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present. It was noted that sufficient prior notice of the meeting was given, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Announcements: Claudia Rice distributed an e-mail that she had received from Alabama Respite organization that is starting a new initiative in Madison County called Sharing the Care. The purpose of Sharing the Care is to educate the public about the need for respite, advocate for respite services, and develop new respite services in the area. Anna Hines-Capron requested in her email the opportunity to come speak at a meeting to provide information on their organization, learn about MCDAB and discuss how we might collaborate. Keith Bedsole will get in touch with her and schedule her meeting attendance.

Claudia Rice announced the ceremony to present the MCDAB awards will take place on July 22 at the 6:00 City Council meeting. We will meet at 5:45 to greet the awardees, ensure names and pronunciation is correct before meeting begins.

Reminder to Kathy Burris to provide the Madison Weekly article due for July.

Public Comments: Tracy Butterfield spoke about a parent at the Hogan YMCA having trouble changing her 8 year old disabled child. The mother inquired at the YMCA if there was any place/help because the baby changing area was too small and the floor was covered in water and toilet tissue. She was told there was nothing available. Tracy proposed a yoga mat with MCDAB screen printed on it at a cost of \$25 to keep at the YMCA. Discussion was centered on the logistics, how to keep it available and sanitary. Tracy will discuss with the new director on how to get this accomplished. Don Gardner made a motion for the Board to provide funds to secure 3 mats and signs for the 3 family restrooms with the expense not to exceed \$125 and the funds to come from the accessibility budget line item. Claudia Rice seconded and the motion passed. Tracy will attempt to get the mats and signs installed before the next Special Needs Swim on August 3, 2013.

Approval of Minutes: Claudia Rice noted a quorum was present from the regular June 11, 2013 meeting. Tracy Butterfield made the motion that the minutes, previously distributed to the board, be approved. Cynthia Allison seconded. There was no opposition so the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Don Gardner provided a copy of the Treasurer's report to all board members present. He reported a balance of \$12,859.49. Claudia Rice noted that the only items outstanding are the four awards/plaques for the MCAB awards to be presented on July 22.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Don Gardner discussed where to put the expenditures for the MCDAB awards. Currently it is in the Public Awareness line item and consensus was that is where it belongs for now. Once a new budget is developed, it will have its own line item because it is expected to be a yearly expenditure.

Claudia Rice explained the Transportation line item was instituted to provide additional funding to the MARS bus. Currently a TARCOG grant has been applied for to subsidize the bus and it is

unknown if the grant has been awarded. Receipt of the grant will take care of the bus requirements.

Board Chair: Keith Bedsole expressed his pleasure to be on the Board and hopes to continue to the excellent work.

Accessibility: Don Gardner reported that he had given a copy of the video to Danny Petty who is meeting with state driver's ED program to try to get it included in the state curriculum for driver's ED.

Don also proposed that we include additional resources on our website to include accessibility websites, mobility services, sports websites, etc. Don will work with Cynthia Allison to define these websites and get them included in our website.

Day Services and Housing: Cynthia Allison reported on the next Day Services & Housing community-wide meeting set for August 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Trinity Baptist Church. The Committee will be meeting on July 13 at Trinity Baptist Church from 9-11 to draft the bylaws to determine how the non-profit will be organized. The draft bylaws will be presented at the August 9 community-wide meeting.

Presentation of Draft amendment to bylaws: Don Gardner presented his proposed amendment to the MCDAB bylaws regarding budget guidelines. The main objectives for the amendment are establishing a budget ceiling which ensures that adequate funds will remain available for carryover to the next fiscal year and provide for the handling of earmarked funds. Claudia Rice noted that adoption of amendments to the bylaws requires 2/3 vote and our meeting attendance satisfies that requirement. Claudia motioned that the amendments be approved with the correction to a typo in section 8 the numbering system corrected to match the remainder of the bylaws. Tracy Butterfield seconded. There was no opposition so the motion passed. Claudia will update the bylaws, inserting the approved amendment in Article 3, Section 3. She will send a copy to the clerk's office to be put on file.

Other business: Kathy Burris was unable to attend the meeting and forwarded her draft brochure. The brochure was reviewed, comments noted and Keith Bedsole will get the inputs to Kathy for her to make changes to bring the brochure to the next meeting.

Gerald Clark reported that he had been meeting with engineering about Phase II for downtown improvements. Handicapped parking sport will on either side of Wise Street. For those businesses not handicapped accessible, discussion has been to possibly provide entrance to both stores through the store that is accessible. Other information provided is that the sidewalks will be 10' wide and the curbs will be flush with the street.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting is August 13, 2013 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).