

June 2014 Minutes
Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Date: June 10, 2014

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Keith Bedsole, Chairperson

Recorder: Joni Haas

Board Members Present: Keith Bedsole, Claudia Rice, Joni Haas, Cynthia Allison, Kathy Burris, Paula Cushman, Tracy Butterfield

Board Members Absent: Jamie Hill, Gerald Clark, Don Gardner

Guests Present: None.

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: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Claudia Rice, vice-chairman noted a quorum was present from the regular April 2014 and May 2014 meetings. Cynthia Allison made the motion that the April 2014 minutes, previously distributed to the board, be approved. Claudia seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; two abstentions. Motion carried. Paula Cushman made the motion that the May 2014 minutes, previously distributed to the board, be approved. Kathy Burris seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; one abstention. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Don Gardner was unable to attend the meeting so he provided a copy of the Treasurer's report via e-mail to all board members prior to the meeting. His report provided a balance of \$14,498.31. Of this balance, \$2,545.41 is earmarked as EPIC funds.

Committee Reports:

Accessibility: Kathy Burris reported that she inquired from the Madison County Emergency Management about a list of all open shelters for storms. The information she received was that the Mayor determines what will be opened for emergencies with the list varying with the event. Claudia Rice spoke about a new app, designed locally, that provides information during storms with what shelters are open. She suggested maybe we can work with them to add a handicapped logo on those shelters that are handicapped accessible.

Tracy Butterfield reported on her investigation to a post on Facebook from a lady that took a picture of the handicapped parking at the Wendy's in Madison. The picture revealed that the ramp sticks out into one of the parking spaces and it's placement restricts usage when a vehicle pulls all the way forward and if the vehicle pulls in to utilize the ramp their vehicle would be blocking the traffic flow. Claudia Rice will determine if this Wendy's is in Huntsville or Madison and Keith Bedsole will contact Wendy's to make them aware and ask for corrective action.

Day Services and Housing: Cynthia Allison reported that the EPIC paperwork has been filed and a planning meeting has been scheduled for June 29 to plan the next steps. Plans in place,

another community meeting will be called to pass along all information regarding EPIC's accomplishments and plans for the future.

Transportation: None

Annual Appropriation:

Annual Appropriation – The Annual Appropriation to MCDAB has been received. The check will be delivered to the city clerk to be added to our funds.

Review of Rec Master Plan: Keith Bedsole has received notice that the Rec master plan is nearing execution and was provided a list of MCDAB associated items. The next meeting is approaching and Claudia Rice and/or Paula Cushman will attend to understand the next steps in the process and discuss the listed items to determine if MCDAB can add any items.

USSRC Scholarship: Kathy Burris reported that the USSRC has received a qualifying and winning application for the MCDAB USSRC Scholarship. Kathy will make arrangements for payment to the USSRC and find out which option the winner is selecting – weekend or week and when they will be attending. MCDAB would like to get the winner interviewed or promoted in the Madison Weekly or Madison magazine possibly including pictures from Space Camp Graduation.

Fishing Rodeo: June 28 was the date coordinated with Gail Milam at the Rec Center for the Fishing Rodeo at Dublin Park. Flyers and applications have been distributed and put on the MCDAB website. The plan is to hold to 50 participants due to the limited number of fishing poles. Registration will begin at 10:00 with the fishing to start at 10:30. Participants will fish until 11:30 at which time the trophies (each for a boy and a girl) will be awarded for Biggest Catch, Most Fish Caught, and First Catch and door prizes given. Kathy Burris will contact Boy Scout Troops to ask for scouts to assist participants in casting, bating, removing fish and recording catches.

MCDAB Awards: – Claudia Rice provided information in the Madison Weekly for the solicitation of nominations for the Faith, Inspiration and Personal Service Awards. She has already received one for the Faith Award. We will vote on the awards at the July meeting.

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: Paula Cushman motioned the meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Next meeting is July 8, 2014 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).