

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

Date: July 8, 2014

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, Gerald Clark, Paula Cushman, Keith Bedsole

Board Members Absent: Tracy Butterfield, Kathy Burris

Guests Present: Gina Dalton from the Epilepsy Foundation and Willard Brooks.

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 announced the upcoming Community Outreach Event sponsored by Humana on August 2nd. The flyer defined the opportunity to have a booth at the event. The only cost is 2 drawing prizes and a good or service. Motion was made by Don Gardner for MCDAB to have a booth and approve \$100 for expenses for the event. Paula Cushman seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried. Keith Bedsole will follow up to get more information for setup – exact location (gym or outside), and what will be provided (tables, chairs, electrical). We will give away MCDAB bags with MCDAB brochures and MARS brochures. Paula Cushman and Claudia Rice will setup at 9:30, Keith manning the booth from 12-1 and Willard Brooks at 11. Cynthia will fill in as necessary. Keith volunteered to get the MCDAB logo reformatted for high resolution

Our US Space and Rocket Center scholarship winner is Patrick Brown who will attend the Robotic camp in August. Keith Bedsole will look to get some media coverage of his attendance.

Public Comments: Gina Dalton from the Epilepsy Foundation, looking to increase the Foundation's presence in North Alabama came to the board meeting to introduce herself and learn what the board does. She had reviewed the website and board meeting minutes and wanted to follow that up with a personal visit.

Approval of Minutes: Keith Bedsole noted a quorum was present from the regular June 2014 meeting. Paula Cushman made the motion that the minutes, previously distributed to the board, be approved. Claudia Rice seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Don Gardner provided a copy of the Treasurer's report to all board members present. He reported a balance of \$17,698.31 including \$2545.41 earmarked for EPIC. We had 3 transactions for the month, the \$4500 appropriation received from the Madison City Council, \$300 debit for Madison Street Festival registration and \$1000 debit for the US Space and Rocket Center scholarship.

MCDAB Awards: Nominations were presented for the MCDAB awards for Inspiration, Faith and Personal Services. Paula Cushman made a motion that the Inspiration Award go to Deeb Habchi and Alex Razook, Faith Award go to Asbury United Methodist Church and the Personal Services award go to Shannon Humphrey and that the budget set aside for the awards be adjusted

to accommodate all 5. Cynthia Allison seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Accessibility: Keith Bedsole reached out to Wendy's to see what could be done about the ramp placement in the handicapped parking spot on Highway 72. He has received no response yet.

Day Services and Housing: None

Transportation: None

Recreation Advisory Board: Claudia Rice attended the meeting on June 17. She reviewed the draft master plan and sought to confirm the items MCDAB recommended were addressed. She was assured they would be given consideration.

Miracle League Field

All playgrounds will have a family style handicapped restroom

Hand in Hand playground – handicapped parking added; picnic table relocated back to its original position and anchored (already completed).

Playground equipment in disrepair – Park and Rec suggested equipment items that would accommodate wheelchairs. Board discussion centered around the recommended items, feeling they might not be the best recommendation citing draw of non-handicapped children overloading and damaging equipment or injury. Gerald Clark informed the board that grants were available for Parks and Rec equipment, manufacturers are now more handicapped aware and offer more options and groupings. Willard Brooks volunteered to investigate the range of handicapped friendly playground equipment available and opportunity to apply for grants. Gerald will send him the info on grants.

Fishing Rodeo Lessons Learned – Event was well attended and enjoyed. Over 30 fishermen and over 30 fish were caught. Items to remember for next year included:

- Educating volunteers earlier on marking fish caught and general rules
- No capri suns
- Maybe even smaller hooks - #4 were used and getting them on the rods earlier
- Design an inclement weather policy – maybe a pre-recorded message to call to get status
- Try to design trophy award to avoid one person getting more than one trophy

New Business: Don Gardner made the Board aware that he desired to leave his seat as soon as a replacement was found. Don will submit his resignation to the Mayor and the Mayor will review the applications for a replacement.

Meeting Adjourned: Paula Cushman motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting is August 12, 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).