

January 2015 Minutes
Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Date: January 13, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Keith Bedsole, Chairperson

Recorder: Joni Haas

Board Members Present: Keith Bedsole, Joni Haas, Cynthia Allison, Jackie Wilson-Bradley, Paula Cushman, Tina Beacraft

Board Members Absent: Gerald Clark, Willard Brooks, Larry Povernelli

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: The board is welcoming two new members, Larry Povernelli and Tina Beacraft, whose terms start this month.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Joni Haas noted a quorum was not present from the regular December 2014 meeting. December minutes will be approved next month if a quorum is present.

Treasurer's Report: Willard Brooks was unable to attend the meeting. He will provide a copy of the Treasurer's report to all board members via e-mail.

MCDAB autonomy: Paula Cushman will register the name with the state and file incorporation papers with the Madison County Probate Court. The estimated cost is less than \$200. Cynthia Allison made a motion to spend up to \$200 to register the name "Madison City Disability Advocacy Board (MCDAB) Inc, LLC and file the incorporation papers. Paula Cushman seconded. All board members present approved the motion, no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried.

Formal recognition for Don Gardner and Claudia Rice was discussed. Paula Cushman will contact Mayor Trulock to discuss the best way to honor them – with recognition at a city council meeting and/or a plaque in City Hall.

2015 Planning was outlined in November 2014 and listed and discussion conducted on those items with more details follow.

Planning for 2015: Board members volunteered to head the following events –

- Making Waves event at Madison YMCA – quarterly – Tina Beacraft volunteered to take over the activity. Paula Cushman will check with the YMCA for the POC and will forward the info to Tina. Tina will follow-up to determine if the YMCA is agreeable to get the activity restarted.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Claudia Rice and Kathy Burris will continue to help with the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Cynthia Allison will contact Gail Milam at Madison Parks and

Recreation to get information on the Hunt, create a flyer and determine what needs to be done.

- Fishing Rodeo – Joni Haas and Willard Brooks – will be discussed at the next meeting.
- MCDAB Awards – Paula Cushman
- Madison Street Festival – Willard Brooks.
- Employment Seminar on Disabilities in the work place – Paula Cushman, Willard Brooks, Larry Povenelli, Jackie Wilson-Bradley. Dates for the seminar were discussed and October was selected as a goal. One speaker mentioned was Graham Sisson from the Governor's Office and Jackie Wilson-Bradley will look at the last agenda and come up with suggestions for other speakers.
- Recreation Advisory Board Meetings/MCDAB – 1st Tuesday each month – Willard Brooks
- USSRC scholarship – Kathy Burris was the prior contact, another board member will take the responsibility to coordinate with the USSRC. Keith Bedsole suggested that the application possibly be modified to not be as intimidating to those we want to apply. Discussions with the USSRC will be initiated as soon as we decide when we want to solicit applications and award the scholarship.
- Joni Haas will provide a schedule of the board activities, when they are conducted, at the next meeting to help organize all the efforts to accomplish our goals.

Committee Reports: None

New Business: Jackie Wilson-Bradley proposed that the Board prepare a request to Madison City asking them to allocate a meaningful job to a person with disabilities. The City would set a good example for other Madison businesses by providing employment or job training in preparation for employment.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40, motion by Keith Bedsole to adjourn, seconded by Paula Cushman.

Next meeting is February 10 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).