

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

Date: April 14, 2015

Time: 6:08 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Keith Bedsole, Chairperson

Recorder: Joni Haas (Paula Cushman)

Board Members Present: Keith Bedsole, Cynthia Allison, Jackie Wilson-Bradley (late), Paula Cushman (left early), Tina Beacraft, Willard Brooks,

Board Members Absent: Joni Haas

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. Chairman noted that MCDAB may want to reach out to entities to come to visit us so that we get some recognition, like Merrimac Hall that has some news attention almost weekly. Is there someone or some entity that we may want to team with? Partner with?

Approval of Minutes: Quorum needed to approve the December 2014 minutes will not be present (Joni Haas, Cynthia Allison, Jackie Wilson-Bradley, Willard Brooks, Keith Bedsole).

Quorum present to approve March minutes (Cynthia Allison, Paula Cushman, Keith Bedsole, Tina Beacraft, Willard Brooks) Being so, Paula Cushman moved to approve the March minutes, previously distributed to the board be approved. Cynthia Allison seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Willard Brooks provided a copy of the Treasurer's report to all board members present. He reported a balance of \$12,814.18. Changes to last month's balance was payment to Claudia Rice for public reception transferal of responsibility for EPIC.

The Treasurer's Report was approved with the provision that there will be a correction of the expense for Mrs. Rice to be Public Awareness, EPIC event, rather than Easter Egg Hunt.

The FY15 Budget was formally approved and is attached to these minutes.

Keith Bedsole provided the Treasurer the Madison check for \$4500.00

Keith Bedsole updated the MCDAB on his meeting with Mayor Trulock regarding the separation of MCDAB from the city to be an independent entity. The mayor has formed an exploratory committee, chaired by Joe Newberry, to determine how a non-profit umbrella organization like Huntsville's BizTec might benefit the city. The Chair will meet with Mr. Newberry this week and report back to MCDAB.

Making Waves event at Madison YMCA == Frustration that on 4/11/15 the YMCA pool was open to the public and not reserved at the evening hour for MCDAB as expected. The general hours for swimming have been extended for the benefit of the Y cutting into the MCDAB time. It was mentioned that Sunday might be feasible, but that is not acceptable to MCDAB. Keith Bedsole will contact UAH.

USSRC Scholarship – Jackie Wilson-Bradley reported that the information was distributed to the teachers. Cynthia contacted USSRC about an extension in the submittal date to June 1 (from May 1) but had not heard back by meeting time. If USSRC agrees to an extension, we will publicize the June 1 date, and Jackie will post the information on the Madison City Schools website.

Easter Egg Hunt – Need an invoice from Parks & Recreation (Gail Milam) for the eggs then we will pay for them. Baskets and eggs can be stored/saved for next year. They eggs contain non-perishable stickers.

Fishing Rodeo – Joni Haas and Willard Brooks – Joni will get in touch with Gail Milam. It was suggested to ask Gayle what dollar amount she needs and pay her up front. Keith agreed with this suggestion. We appropriated \$500 last year for:

Smaller hooks Name tags, door prizes (one girl, one boy), trophies, drinks, snacks (I proposed to provide each participant with a goodie bag that will contain some items that didn't go well at the Plinko, gold fish and a fruit rollup). I plan to get everything but need 3 more coolers and help with putting the drinks and ice in the coolers. We will also need someone to take photos and everyone who can come to help with baiting hooks and marking down catches.

Gail provided last year:

Registration form, certificates for fishers, tickets for door prizes, tables and chairs, tally cards/pencils, ice and fishing equipment.

Madison Street Festival – Willard Brooks. Registration not yet confirmed.

Employment Seminar on Disabilities in the work place – Paula Cushman, Willard Brooks, Larry Povenelli, Jackie Wilson-Bradley. Paula Cushman talked with Dave King at Dynetics; and Dynetics will be glad to host it; he wants to be involved. Paula suggested ensuring availability of Graham Sisson since he is from Montgomery, but Keith Bedsole had also called Mr. King set the date as October 16, 2015. Jackie will provide Paula the previous agenda and planning documents.

Recreation Advisory Board Meetings/MCDAB – 1st Tuesday each month – Willard Brooks

Committee Reports: None

New Business: Willard Brooks talked about Best Buddies.Org and wants to bring a similar program to our area.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm

Next meeting is May 12 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).