



Madison City Disability Advocacy Board

January 2017 Advisory Board Minutes

City of Madison, Alabama

Tuesday, 10 January 2017

AGENDA, Chairman: City Hall, Room 130, 6:00- 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Keith, Jackie, Maura, Michael, Paula, Tina, Willard

Guests present: None.



Called to order by Chairman at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes for 2016 meetings, for which a quorum on 1/10/17 was present, were approved. Only MCDAB members who attend specific meetings are authorized to vote for approval for each meeting.

Special Needs Playground(s). MCDAB discussed enlisting the Madison City Schools, the City Council, Madison Chamber of Commerce to spread interest and generate help. OF NOTE: Willard pointed out that any alteration to the "official" Handicapped Parking sign could cancel enforcement as a reserved parking spot in case of a dispute. The MCDAB cancelled plans for tagging our name on the Palmer Park signs, but the parking area will be improved, made more accessible, and appropriately marked by the City. MCDAB can/will volunteer help as needed.

Minimally at Palmer Park, MCDAB considers it necessary to complete these tasks:



- 1) Complete gap in walk-around sidewalk for wheelchairs;
- 2) Ensure wheelchair accessibility at the covered picnic table area;
- 3) Replace strap on the swing;
- 4) Secure the train so that it is less like to pinch/cut/cause a fall;

Paula will research ADA specifics for a checklist of requirements.

Madison City Jobs Initiative: Dialogue with Mayor Paul Finley about the criticality of the city itself employing persons with handicaps. It was noted that Mayor Finley established MCDAB when he was mayor the first time so has an understanding of and interest in its work. The YMCA uses some workers with moderate limitations, and the Parks & Recreation Department through Gayle Milam is especially supportive. It was recommended that MCDAB invite her to speak with us in February. Maura has been



dialoguing with Gayle about activities and a calendar of events. Need to focus on local small businesses and their HR departments.

No Committee Reports.

Maura and Keith will review/update MCDAB memberships to ensure full slate and approve members whose terms expired 12/31/16 and seek new participation

NEW BUSINESS:

Set a Calendar to spread events out and to work publicity:

Easter Egg Hunt: Tina with Gayle Milam

Fishing Rodeo: Michael to investigate good time because too hot in July



Training/Job Fair during October for "National Employ the Disabled Week"

Making Waves at YMCA, 2nd Saturday of each month: Tina

NEXT MEETING: Every MCDAB member should plan for a February Work Session to **review and briefly comment on his/her top two priorities** for what MCDAB should accomplish.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25.