

**Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
January 2010 Board Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Time: 6pm to 8 p.m.

Location: City Hall, Room 133

Board Members:

Present: Claudia Rice, Toni Osani, Cana Farr, Mike Cassell, Patricia Switzer, Jane Dow, Beth Newlin, Maria Kilgore

Absent: Deborah Underwood

Others Present: Philip List (Madison citizen)

Note: Mike Cassell left the meeting at 7:40pm. Jane Dow left at 8:10pm.

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 6:pm.

December 2009 Minutes: Cana Farr read the minutes from the 12/09 meeting and the minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report: Cana Farr reported that she, Claudia Rice and Melanie Williard are meeting Wednesday, January 13th to go over discrepancies in budget figures. Cana Farr expects no problems getting MCDAB and Madison City's financials to match.

Miracle League: Mike Cassell reported that he and Johnny Franklin discussed a Miracle League Field for Madison. Field O is the possible location for a Miracle League field with the added advantage it's close to the Hand-in-Hand playground. Claudia Rice stated that we would want to have Johnny Franklin come and speak to the board some time this year.

Introductions: Claudia Rice asked each board member and visitor to introduce himself. Philip List stated he heard about MCDAB through the Needs Assessment survey.

Resignation: Claudia Rice reported that Kayla Beard has given her resignation as a board member. Her term ends May 2009 and the board will need to help find a replacement. Claudia reminded us that this is an appointed member so applicants need to apply through Mayor Paul Finley. This board member may live outside

Madison City limits. This board member must be an adult with a disability. Claudia Rice will ask Taylor Edge if MCDAB can post the appointment on our web site

MARS: Claudia Rice announced that she, Cana Farr and Beth Newlin attended the City Council meeting on 1/11/10 because the MARS program was on the agenda. Mike Cassell discussed the current status of the Madison Assisted Ride System, its second van, number of people using the van, riders' purpose for using the system, MARS personnel and its budget. City Councilman Larry Vanoy had asked Mike Cassell to prepare this information for the City Council's review. Mike Cassell stated the Councilman Vanoy wants to make certain the second van is being utilized wisely. Mike Cassell reported that the City Council approved the MARS buget.

Brick Sales: Claudia Rice will have a final brick sale report at the February 2010 board meeting.

Needs Survey Power Point: Trish Switzer gave a power point presentation about the results of the Needs Assessment Survey. The board recommend some word changes and Claudia Rice asked Trish Switzer to be prepared to give the presentation to the City Council if asked. Beth Newlin and Trish Switzer recommended the board maintain a file about changes we would implement for the next needs assessment survey we conduct. Cana Farr is to email Trish Switzer a short definition for Day Services. Claudia Rice is meeting with Mayor Finley and will email the board how/when we are to give the community the results of our needs assessment survey.

Committees: Claudia Rice presented a list of recommended committees and goals for each committee. The board discussed what we felt we could and could not accomplish in 2010. Jane Dow created an Employment Committee and has recruited volunteers. She presented a draft of a charter for the Employment Committee to the board for a vote. A motion was made by Maria Kilgore and seconded by Cana Farr, however the motion was then tabled by board discussion regarding charters and committees.

Maria Kilgore suggested that during our February 9th board meeting we invite our prospective volunteers and the community to attend. It was decided that the power point presentation of the results of the Needs Assessment would be presented at this meeting by Trish Switzer. Tony Osani volunteered to reword all committee goals. Following the presentation, board members will speak to volunteers regarding each of the projected committees in order to gauge the interests of volunteers.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.