

Minutes
Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
Regular Monthly Meeting

Date: December 14, 2010

Time: 6:15 pm

Location: City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room

Presiding: Claudia Rice, Chairperson

Recorder: Debrah Underwood, Secretary

Board Members Present: Claudia Rice, Cana Farr, Patricia Switzer, Don Gardner, Beth Newlin, Maria Kilgore, Debrah Underwood, Tony Osani

Board Members Absent: Jane Dow

Others in Attendance: Mike Cassell (Parks and Recreations representative) who left early.

Call to Order: The Chairperson, Claudia Rice, called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present. It was also noted that sufficient prior notice of the meeting was given, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Announcements: Maria Kilgore announced that Dr. Carolyn Gomez of the Autism Task Force would be speaking at the Parent Advisory meeting on January 10 from 6 to 8 PM at the Education Central Office for Madison City Schools. Claudia Rice reported that the MARS program will be expanding and put forward the idea of MCDAB sponsoring a Parents Night Out for special needs families at Dublin Park.

Minutes: The last meeting occurred on November 9, 2010. The draft minutes were distributed to board members for review on November 19, 2010. No comments were received. Claudia Rice motioned that the minutes be approved and with no opposing votes, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer handed out the report and no discrepancies or errors were noted. The ending balance was \$9,573.79. Claudia Rice noted that the price for the name plate on the Hand-in-Hand playground marker was less than the expected cost.

Committee Reports:

Housing – Debrah Underwood presented a report identifying the housing options available in Madison County and surrounding areas for persons with disabilities. Discussions regarding how Madison might provide a housing option for its residents followed. This is a very complex issue and requires much more investigation.

Day Services – No report

Emergency Preparedness – Beth Newlin reported that the next meeting of the committee would be on January 10, 2011 at 11:00 AM with lunch being provided at the National Children’s Advocacy Center.

Recreation – Tony Osani reported that Miracle League Basketball would begin at the Horizon School gym on January 11 from 6:15 until 7:45 and run through February 22, 2011. Claudia Rice noted the progress that was being made with the Parks and Recreation Board. Tony is also now a member of the Miracle League Board. Tony is looking for someone to take on the fundraising for the planned Street Festival 5K Run.

Accessibility – Don Gardner reported that he will be advertising for committee members. He provided a draft of the letter he plans to send out.

Meeting Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall, Mayor’s Conference Room.