

**March 2011 Minutes**  
**Madison City Disability Advocacy Board**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

**Date:** March 8, 2011

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** City Hall, Conference Room 130

**Presiding:** Claudia Rice, Chairperson

**Recorder:** Debrah Underwood, Secretary

**Board Members Present:** Claudia Rice, Cana Farr, Patricia Switzer, Don Gardner, Beth Newlin, Debrah Underwood, Tony Osani, Jane Dow

**Board Members Absent:** Maria Kilgore

**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:**

**Minutes:** The last meeting occurred on February 8, 2011. The draft minutes were distributed to board members for review on February 13, 2011, and received comments were incorporated. Claudia Rice motioned that the minutes be approved. With no opposing votes, the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer handed out the report noting an ending balance of \$7,563.01.

**Committee Reports:**

Employment – Jane Dow announced that she would not be returning to MCDAB at the end of her term but would remain on the Employment Committee.

Housing – Debrah Underwood announced that she would not be returning to MCDAB at the end of her term.

Day Services – No report

Emergency Preparedness – Beth Newlin announced that the Emergency Preparedness meeting on February 28th went well. She commented that a Blind and Deaf association had received a grant to provide 4 day emergency kits contained in a duffle bag and that the Department of Public Health had also developed a kit. Her committee is looking into the possibility of sponsoring a public seminar in September on Emergency Preparedness. They are also looking at sponsoring a First Responders training course in October conducted by an organization from West Virginia. They are hoping to get other sponsors such as local hospitals.

Recreation – Tony Osani reported that the contract to build the public restroom at Dublin Park had been signed and that the Dublin Park soccer field pathways were being reviewed by the Engineering Department. He also noted that the Miracle League Basketball program had gone very well. Tony announced that he would not be returning to MCDAB at the end of his term. Claudia Rice will begin attending the Recreation Board meetings.

Accessibility – Don Gardner reported that he had 3 volunteers to serve on the accessibility committee.

**2011 Board Activities:**

Claudia Rice asked that members not returning at the end of their terms write a letter to the Mayor stating their intentions. She then presented a draft copy of Exhibit A, a summary of MCDAB accomplishments during 2010 and planned activities for 2011. Comments were made and incorporated. This Exhibit will be presented to City Council. Claudia also indicated she would work with Madison City Attorney to update the MCDAB by-laws and ordinance (specifically in the deletion of Section L).

**Meeting Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be held on April 12, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall, Conference Room 130.