

February 2012 Minutes
Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Date: February 14, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Claudia Rice, Chairperson

Recorder: Sheila Fuller

Board Members Present: Claudia Rice, Cana Farr, Don Gardner, Sheila Fuller, Maria Kilgore, Larry Moxley

Board Members Absent: Trish Switzer, Beth Newlin, Alka Bhargav

Guest Present: none

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: Claudia Rice provided a printed copy of the announcements for all board members. No other announcements were made.

Claudia provided the board a draft letter of thanks for the funding provided by Senator Holtzclaw and Commissioner Strong. The board reviewed the letter and suggestions were incorporated. Claudia will send the letter to the appropriate people.

Public Comments – limited to 2 minutes per guest: There were no guest present at the meeting.

Minutes: The last meeting occurred on January 10, 2012. The draft minutes were distributed to board members for review and received comments were incorporated.

Claudia Rice noted that there was a quorum present from the January meeting. Claudia made a motion to accept the January minutes as written and Larry Moxley seconded the motion. The board voted on the January 2012 minutes and the results were 6 approved, no opposition, and no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Cana Farr, provided a printed copy of the Treasurer's report to board members. She noted the ending total balance of \$ 7812.80. Claudia Rice noted that the balance on the Hand-in-Hand Playground account remains at \$622.57. Cana reminded the board that there will be a need for fund raisers in the future. Discussions for fundraisers provided the idea to research 5K runs as an annual fundraiser for MCDAB. Cana suggested inviting Tony Osani to the April meeting to allow him to provide more information concerning a 5K run as a fundraiser.

Claudia Rice noted as of this meeting the board does not know the amount of our 2012 appropriation from the City of Madison. Claudia Rice has followed up on this business item and has not received any new information.

Budget Draft: Maria Kilgore provided a copy of the budget draft to the board. As per discussion, the board agreed to add a line for recreation which will include the earmarked \$622.57 from the hand-in-hand playground. Also an administrative line item was added for postage, paper, awards, and other office supplies.

Allocations by areas:

1. Website/Public Awareness \$1212.20
2. Day Program/Housing \$1200
3. Transportation: \$1200
4. Accessibility: \$1200
5. Emergency Services: \$200
6. Employment: \$600
7. Recreation: \$1000 + earmarked \$622.57 for Hand in Hand Playground
8. Administrative: \$600

Claudia Rice made a motion to accept the budget draft with changes added. Cana Farr seconded the motion. The board voted and 6 approved no opposition, and no abstentions.

Future Plans:

1. Recreation ideas presented for thought is research the option to sponsor a time for people with disabilities to use the pool at YMCA in Madison for a time period.
2. Consider the option to do host an Easter egg hunt at the Hand in Hand playground for children with disabilities and their siblings.
3. Consider using the brick sale money for a paved walk way to the grill near the Hand in Hand playground pavilion. Claudia will contact to Kory Alfred to determine what would be involved for this project.
4. Beth will be leaving the board in June 2012 and she currently handles the website for MCDAB. Don will talk to Beth to see what would be involved in maintaining the website. Sheila will research prices from two different people that would be able to maintain this monthly.

MARS: Claudia met with Kory to get info about transportation: The usage has increased in the past few years. Claudia provided to the board how MARS (Madison Assisted Ride System) is currently functioning. Don Gardner made a motion that MCDAB establish a transportation committee with Claudia Rice as chairman. The motion was seconded by Maria Kilgore. The board voted 6 approved no oppositions, and no abstentions.

Committee Reports:

Employment Committee: No report

Emergency Preparedness: No report

Day Services: Cana shared that the MCDAB awards paperwork for nominations will be presented to the board in March or April with the goal to present the nominations to the Madison City Council. This award is for individuals who serve those with disabilities and an individual with a disability that lives in Madison that has been outstanding.

Cana also suggested that MCDAB Facilitate a meeting to set up community involvement for Day services and Housing for individuals with disabilities. The idea would be to have MCDAB do some research and provided it the families of individuals with disabilities. Then MCDAB would facilitate a meeting with 20 to 40 parents of children with disabilities to determine the path needed for Day Services and Housing. This meeting could be on a monthly basis. Larry agreed to help Cana with this and head up the housing committee as a facilitator.

Accessibility: Don Gardner reported the following:

1. Public Awareness Campaign: Draft documents have been sent in to Kelly Bulter the city attorney for Madison. These drafts are to cover the waiver to for students to participate and allow a distribution of their likeness to be used in the public awareness campaign. There was also a draft provided for adults and minors as well as a form covering liability if filming is done on private property. Email from Ms. Butler was received by Don and she stated that the authorization for the use of these documents must be provided by the city attorney and the Madison City Schools attorney since city school students and equipment will be involved in the project.
2. Don reported that a complaint was sent to him via email reporting that a potted plant was placed in front of the push plate for the doors at the library. Don reported that he will talk with Sarah, manager of the public library about making sure her staff is aware to keep the doorway and push plate clear of any obstacles.

Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting will be held on March 13th, 2012 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).