

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

Date: June 12, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Claudia Rice, Chairperson

Recorder: Sheila Fuller

Board Members Present: Claudia Rice, Sheila Fuller, Cana Farr, Don Gardner

Board Members Absent: Larry Moxley, Alka Bhargav

Guest Present: Don and Rhonda Lustig

Call to Order: The Chairperson, Claudia Rice, called the meeting to order and due to the three vacancies on the board plus absences a quorum was not present. Claudia noted that the board could proceed with discussing items of business but voting would not occur. It was also noted that sufficient prior notice of the meeting was given, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Announcements:

1. Claudia passed out the announcements to members present.
2. Sheila will send an email reminder for the monthly articles to the Madison Weekly.

There were no other announcements

Public Comments – limited to 2 minutes per guest: none

Minutes: Claudia Rice noted that due to a quorum not being present minutes from previous meetings could not be approved.

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 \$ 7495.12. The balance on the Hand-in-Hand Playground account remains at \$622.57.

Madison Street Festival: Board members present discussed ideas for the booth at the Madison Street Festival. Claudia announced to the board that our spot has been reserved. At the July meeting we will need to vote on the following:

1. As far as set up of the booth, Cana Farr suggested that we pay the \$200 to the organizers of the festival and have them set up the table and booth. This cost would pay for the place and table as well as set up and take down.
2. Ideas to help draw people to the booth.
3. The need to purchase new t-shirts which identify the board members at public events. The possibility of each member purchasing their own t-shirt was suggested. The style recommended was a nice collared pull-over as opposed to a t-shirt.
4. A sturdy tri-fold for displays at the booth
5. Ideas for a possible fundraiser such as purchase an inexpensive canvas bag with resources for people with disabilities. Cost would be \$1. Claudia will check with festival organizers if this would be possible. Another idea was using children's games. Don suggested used some things from the www.3elove.com website.

Important Note: All board members are expected to work a shift the day of the festival and if a board member is not able to work then they will need to provide their own substitute.

July meeting: At a previous meeting board members expressed a desire to have the Madison City Mayoral Candidates attend a meeting to obtain an overview of MCDAB, things accomplished by the board, future goals of the board, and discuss one current issue the board is facing such as transportation. A special meeting will be called after the July meeting and before the August board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Website: Sheila shared with the board that the website should remain current and an interactive resource for the community. Claudia will send the board's accomplishments and Sheila will add this to the website. All minutes for the committees should be sent to Sheila and she will add them to the website under that committee.

Accessibility:

1. Laurie Viers a special education teacher at Liberty Middle School will be working on shooting the video for the Public Service Announcement. Don reported that Ms. Viers would take care of the legal documents which allow permission to video the participants.
2. The Accessibility sign for the municipal building was reformatted to bullet format. Cody Phillips said the public works department may be able make the signs but not sure if it can be in color. The board discussed the option of helping pay for the signs to be made. Don will get an estimate on that. There will need to be one sign at every handicap spot (total of four). This sign should also be on the Madison City website and the MCDAB website.
3. Grill accessibility at the Hand-in-Hand Playground: Don suggested that if the \$622 remaining in playground fund is not sufficient to cover the cost of the sidewalk, then the board can seek additional funding by applying for a grant from the Madison Street Festival.
4. Fundraisers: Don mentioned that corporate sponsors may be a good resource for fundraising. Another suggestion mentioned was having a BBQ for a fundraiser. Claudia reminded the board that the fundraiser this year will be the conference by the Employment Committee.

Employment Committee and Emergency Preparedness No report

Day Services & Housing: Cana reported that the MCDAB Awards presentation went well. She also reported on the upcoming community meeting about housing, day programs, and the development of a resource manual. This committee will meet to facilitate with people 16 and older which includes caregivers as well as citizens of Madison to resolve these issues. They are currently trying to find a date in late August or early September. Cana reported that the location would be at Trinity Baptist church and she will check into dates. The goal of the meeting is to set up committees of attendees and have them bring back information to the board as to what is reasonable and ideal for Madison. No childcare would be available at this meeting.

Transportation committee: Claudia Rice met with Ronica Ondocsin and presented a draft of what will be presented to city council and the mayor this summer concerning transportation. Ronica made suggestions for the presentation. Claudia reminded the board that our purpose is to state the issues and some possible solutions. As part of the draft the cost of a new bus will be added. Claudia does need people who use the bus or want to use the bus to be willing to talk about it to the council. Once the draft is completed Kory will review it prior to the presentation being made to the City Council.

Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting will be held on July 10th, 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).