

August 2014 Minutes
Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Date: August 12, 2014

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Claudia Rice, Vice-Chairperson

Recorder: Joni Haas

Board Members Present: Claudia Rice, Joni Haas, Cynthia Allison, Gerald Clark, Keith Bedsole, Willard Brooks, Paula Cushman

Board Members Absent: Jamie Hill, Traci Butterfield, Kathy Burris

Guests Present: none

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

Announcements: The Board welcomed the newest board member, Willard Brooks. Willard has taken Don Gardner's board position on the Mayor's appointment after Don resigned.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Claudia Rice noted a quorum was present from the regular July 2014 meeting. Claudia Rice made the motion that the minutes, previously distributed to the board, be approved. Keith Bedsole seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; one abstention. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Don Gardner's board resignation was effective this month and the treasurer responsibilities are in the process of being transitioned to another board member.

MCDAB Awards: The MCDAB Awards for Inspiration, Faith and Personal Services will be presented at City Hall during the City Council meeting on Monday August 25th.

Committee Reports:

Accessibility: Willard Brooks and Paula Cushman attended a forum provided by Graham Sission, Executive Director of the Governor's office on Disability, that is seeking to put more teeth in legislation to enforce illegally parking in assessable spaces. In addition, the EMA and FEMA panel is putting together a plan for shelters for those with disabilities to address electricity, transportation, personal shelters, etc. Willard will report back any information on this plan. Willard shared a very informative handout that he received at the forum. He will be meeting with Mr. Sission's group again and will be presenting his thoughts of assembling a package of ADA information that would be available to any person/company applying for building licenses or anyone interested.

Day Services and Housing: EPIC has completed the incorporation steps and now has its own checking account. The earmarked funds for EPIC may now be transferred. Keith Bedsole motioned to move the EPIC funds, Paula seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried.

Madison Street Festival Booth: Claudia Rice began the discussion on a possible game we can use every year, to draw attendees to our information. The discussion centered around a PLINKO

game, the two sizes, prizes to give out and how much to charge to play. Paula Cushman made a motion to allocate \$800 to purchase the large PLINKO board and case. Keith Bedsole seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried. Joni Haas will look into prizes for 3 levels of gifts and report back to the board next month.

MCDAB Brochures: The current brochure was distributed to members for review. Board members will bring any ideas for update/changes next month. Brochures will be completed in time for the Madison Street Festival.

Potential Board Opening: The position of a person “employed by Madison City Schools Special Education Department” is currently held by Jamie Hill. Mr. Hill has taken a principal position at Columbia Elementary and will be contacted to determine if he feels his term is concluded. If this is the case Maria Kilgore will be contacted for another school representative for the board.

MARS Bus: Claudia Rice spoke with Corey Alfred, Madison Parks and Recreation, concerning the status of the purchase of a second bus. He indicated there was a holdup with utilizing the TARCOG grant due to the lack of a required Title 6 procurement clause in the City’s by laws. The grant money must be used by October 1 and he is unsure that this new clause will be approved by the cut-off date. Claudia Rice will connect Paula Cushman to Mr. Alfred in case he needs a MCDAB representative to participate in any meetings on the subject.

City Council Funding: Keith Bedsole and Claudia Rice received new funding guidelines from the Madison City Council. The new guidelines state that the 2014-2015 fiscal year funding requests must be forwarded to the Mayor’s office and the finance committee by August 18, 2014. Keith Bedsole motioned that \$7000 be requested for next year, Willard Brooks seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried.

Humana Community Outreach Event: Report on the community outreach event at Dublin was provided by Claudia Rice, Keith Bedsole and Paula Cushman. The event was poorly attended, some vendors didn’t show as well. The fact that it was on the tax free weekend and one weekend after the Madison EXPO that was well attended is speculated to play into the lack of attendance. The Board decided they will not participate next year if invited to do so.

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15.

Next meeting is September 9, 2014 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).