

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

Date: October 14, 2014

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Keith Bedsole, Chairperson

Recorder: Joni Haas

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

Board Members Absent: Kathy Burris and Paula Cushman

Guests Present: none

Call to Order: The Chairperson, Keith Bedsole, 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: Jackie Bradley Wilson hopes to take Jamie Hill's board position (Place 5, Employee of Madison City Schools Special Education) as soon as the City Council approves. Place 3, Parent/caregiver of a person with a disability, will be open in December and applications are being accepted now. Any open board position will be posted on our website and Facebook.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Claudia Rice noted a quorum was not present from the regular September 2014 meeting. Minutes will be approved at next meeting a quorum attends.

Treasurer's Report: Willard Brooks provided a copy of the Treasurer's report to all board members present. He reported a balance of \$10,377.71. The requested annual appropriation of \$4500 from the Madison City Council has been approved, waiting on formal paperwork. We will discuss new budget levels for each identified area of expenses at the next meeting.

MCDAB Employer Award: Applications received and reviewed. Keith Bedsole made the motion to present Publix on County Line Road with the MCDAB Employer award. Claudia seconded, All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried. Claudia Rice will get the plaque and invite the Publix representative to accept the award. Claudia will try to arrange for the award to be presented at the City Council meeting October 27.

Committee Reports:

Day Services and Housing: Day Services and Housing Committee and EPIC are planning to host a joint public community meeting to announce the formal stand up of EPIC and close out any loose ends involved in this transition. Both groups will work hand in hand for the Madison citizens and day services as EPIC takes over day services and housing. Keith Bedsole made the motion to allocate \$100 to host the meeting. Cynthia Allison seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried.

Madison Street Festival Booth: Street Festival booth was successful. Over \$250 was raised from the Plinko game playing. Another booth opportunity was presented by Claudia Rice, the Children's Health and Resource Expo on Saturday November 15 from 10-3 at the Von Braun

Center. Keith Bedsole motioned that up to \$500 be allocated for additional prizes for the Plinko game for the Expo booth. Claudia seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; one abstention. Motion carried.

MCDAB autonomy: More discussion concerning the City Council's recommendation that MCDAB become a more autonomous entity and maintaining our funds. Discussion centered around the drawbacks to seeking 501C status and the possibility of moving under another 501C3. Further discussions will ensue at a later date to go over the benefits and drawbacks. Kathy Burris was going to check with other boards, and determine how holding their own funds works for those boards with and without 501C status but she was unable to attend the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting is November 11, 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).