

February 2015 Minutes
Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Date: February 10, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding:

Recorder: Joni Haas

Board Members Present: Joni Haas, Cynthia Allison, Willard Brooks, Paula Cushman, Tina Beacraft, Gerald Clark

Board Members Absent: Jackie Wilson-Bradley Larry Povinelli, Keith Bedsole

Call to Order: The meeting was called 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.

Guests Present: Gail Milam from the Madison Recreation Association to discuss the Easter Egg Hunt. Gail and Tina Beacraft had met previously with Keith Bedsole, the board chairman, to discuss this year's event. They reported that the suggested date was April 3 and Keith offered Ability Plus to use this year instead of Palmer since Palmer will be unavailable due to a baseball tournament that same weekend. Keith, Tina and Gail propose an Easter Party from 2:30 – 5:30 then hunt at 5:30 on the Ability Plus grounds. Discussion on ordering eggs and goodie bags for all the participants. Cynthia Allison made a motion to approve up to \$375 for eggs and goodie bags, Paula Cushman seconded. Gail also wanted the board to consider having another activity for special needs, possibly a Halloween Party or a dance. Gail also set the Fishing Rodeo date for June 27.

Announcements: The presentation of a commendation certificate for Claudia Rice and Don Gardner has been scheduled for February 23rd at 6:00 at the City Council Meeting.

Tina Beacraft announced that the Making Waves swimming at the Madison YMCA has been set up to begin March 21st and scheduled for every other month to follow. Paula Cushman volunteered to help Tina with the activity.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Joni Haas noted a quorum was not present from the regular December 2014 or January 2015 meeting. Minutes will be approved next month if a quorum is present.

Treasurer's Report: None

Committee Reports:

Accessibility – Willard Brooks announced that there has been no change in Wendy's ramp on Highway 72 (which is in Huntsville city limits), and he wanted to know what we can do. The question is what authority/ability do we have to influence the education of handicapped accessible requirements with builders of new construction.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00

Next meeting is March 10 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).