

## **Madison City Disability Advocacy Board May 11, 2010 Board Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010

**Time:** 6:00pm to 8:00pm

**Location:** City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room

**Board Members Present:** Claudia Rice, Tony Osani, Cana Farr, Beth Newlin, Jane Dow, Deborah Underwood, Don Gardner, Mike Cassell

**Absent:** Maria Kilgore, Patricia Switzer

**Others:** Elise Kirkland, Rec. Adm. Supervisor /MARS Coordinator

### **Proceeding**

**Minutes:** Cana Farr read the minutes from the March 9, 2010 board meeting.

**Treasure's Report:** Cana Farr gave the Treasure's report. No discrepancies or errors were noted.

**Hand-In-Hand Playground:** Mike Cassell reported that the equipment has not been ordered yet. Claudia Rice asked if the August/September time frame for installation of the newly acquired playground equipment is accurate and Mike Cassell confirmed that it is.

**MARS:** Elise Kirkland distributed a list of questions the board submitted to her. She shared her answers with the board. Claudia reminded the board to display MARS brochures at booths. Claudia suggested an advertising campaign using channel 42 and short articles in local newspapers. Debrah Underwood suggested MARS track those callers who can't be served by MARS. Elise agreed and will submit that data on a quarterly basis to MARS. Claudia has additional copies of the handout for the absent board members. Mike Cassell left with Elise Kirkland.

**Announcements:** Cana Farr asked if someone else would perform the MCDAB secretarial duties beginning July, 2010. Debrah Underwood agreed to take that responsibility beginning June 2010. Cana will remain Treasurer. House Bill 507 on Accessible/Handicapped Parking passed the AL House of Representatives and was sent to the Senate. Claudia Rice has contacted Senator Butler's office for the status of the bill, but as of this date they have not responded.

**MCDAB Awards:** The board reviewed all the nominees and voted the following:

**Faith Award:** The Knights of Columbus

**Personal Service Award: Charlene Sanford of BJHS**

**Inspiration Award: Chris Kline and Bobby Willis**

**Cana Farr will contact Taylor Edge to get on the City Council agenda for June. She will also notify the winners and the local media and arrange for plaques to be ordered.**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Employment:** Jane Dow distributed her committee's new brochure. Claudia asked that Jane email a copy to each board member. Jane Dow reminded the board that the Employment Committee will have a booth at the Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo on July 31st.

**Emergency Services:** Beth Newlin asked for feedback from the April workshop. The board members attending reported that most in attendance wanted to know who would organize, run and maintain an emergency list of the disabled in the county. Beth Newlin and Trish Switzer will meet with Bill Holtzclaw and Larry Muncy to help facilitate a pilot program for Madison city.

**Housing:** no report

**Day Services:** no report

**Recreation:** Tony Osani reported he attended the MCRB meeting and that board discussed plans to build another outdoor soccer complex and an indoor soccer complex. Toni met with Johnny Franklin of the Miracle League and discussed the possibility of Madison building its own Miracle League field. Tony is also requesting that Mike Cassell, Taylor Edge and Steve Haraway be at board meeting when the Miracle League topic is discussed. Tony is going to try to get this arranged for June.

**The board meeting adjourned.**