

## **Madison City Disability Advocacy Board Amended Minutes for August 10, 2010**

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

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

**Board Members Present:** Claudia Rice, Cana Farr, Debrah Underwood, Maria Kilgore, Patricia Switzer, Mike Cassell, Don Gardner, Beth Newlin, Tony Osani

**Board Members Absent:** Jane Dow

### **Proceedings began at 6:00 pm**

#### **Hand-in Hand Playground:**

Mike Cassell reported that all playground equipment had been delivered to Palmer Park. Claudia Rice requested that Mike Cassell confirm that the playground equipment can be installed no later than October 1st. Mike Cassell will check into that and get back with her.

**Minutes:** Debrah Underwood read the minutes from the June 8, 2010 board meeting.

#### **Treasure's Report:**

Cana Farr handed out the report and no discrepancies or errors were noted. The ending balance was reported as \$8,301.10. Balloon expenditure was less than expected. Claudia Rice will verify this amount with Jane Dow.

#### **Announcements:**

Beth Newlin reported that the Pepsi refresh project which would allow the Arc to win a \$250,000 grant for building a new recycling facility has been extended to August 31, 2010. To vote for this project, go to [www.refresheverything.com/arcrecycle](http://www.refresheverything.com/arcrecycle).

Mike Cassell reported that he is retiring as the City of Madison Recreation Director. The new director is Kory Alfred.

Claudia Rice handed out an information sheet which listed upcoming activities and events in the disability community.

Claudia announced that she was looking for additional pictures to include on the MCDAB Facebook page and a power point presentation. Cana Farr will provide pictures of the Day Life participants working on the Emergency Preparedness Kits.

Cana Farr announced that it was time to begin soliciting nominees for the MCDAB Employment Award. This can be any business that hires city of Madison residents with disabilities. Nomination forms should be returned by September 14, 2010.

Maria Kilgore announced that there will be a parent advisory meeting August 16, 2010 from 6 to 8 pm. Speakers will include the Rocket City Sitters and a behavioral specialist from Madison City schools.

Claudia Rice stated that Don Gardner is interested in working on issues related to accessibility.

**Madison Street Festival:**

The Madison Street Festival will be held on October 2, 2010. Claudia Rice is working on the schedule for MCDAB members and volunteers to man the booth. Setup will begin at 8:00 am. Tony Osani will provide the tent and tables. Claudia will bring the chairs and banner. The exact location of the booth is not yet known.

Don Gardner made a very good point that the city should provide MARS buses for transportation to the festival. Don and Claudia will work this issue with the MARS point of contact and the Street Festival point of contact. Advertising should also be done to let people know that transportation for persons with disabilities will be made available. Debrah Underwood will contact First Baptist Church to determine how much handicap parking they have available.

Handouts were also discussed. Along with the brochures, the Alabama Disability Advisory Program (ADAP) books, Emergency Preparedness packets, Day Services and Employment committee info, Cana Farr will put together a listing and point of contact information for social activities in the area for persons with disabilities.

Cookie sales were discussed and voted on. Claudia Rice made the motion to sell Otis Spunkmeyer cookies at the Street Festival. The motioned passed. Claudia Rice made the motion that we purchase 3 cases of 2.0 ounce sized cookie dough (two cases of Chocolate Chip and one case of Oatmeal Raisin) plus one package of cookie sleeves. The motion passed. Claudia Rice made the motion that we sell the cookies for \$2.00 each. The motion passed.

**Brochures:**

Claudia Rice handed out the latest draft of the MCDAB brochure. Several comments were made. Maria Kilgore suggested that something be added to let people know that meetings are open to the public and that the regular agenda allows for public comments limited to 2 minutes per person. Maria was also unsure if the most current definition of an individual with a disability had been used. She will check to verify the definition. Don asked that handicap symbol be added somewhere to the brochure to make it easily identifiable as literature for persons with disabilities. Discussion ensued and it was determined that the international symbol of a person in a wheelchair might be misleading in that we need to be inclusive of all types of disabilities.

Cana Farr suggested adding the MCDAB website to the front of the brochure.

Claudia received a price estimate from Media Works at \$ .44 per brochure. Trish Switzer suggested getting an estimate from Colonial Graphics as well. Debrah Underwood volunteered to obtain that estimate. Once a printer is decided upon, 500 brochures will be ordered.

**Employment, Housing and Day Services Committees:** No report

**Emergency Preparedness:** Beth Newlin received word from 911's Chris Tucker that Intergraph has agreed to update the 911 software to establish a disabilities database free of charge. The 911 Board of Directors is now assessing the project to determine need, scope, requirements, etc.

Claudia Rice suggested that the emergency kits include a half sheet of paper explaining everything in the kit and how it is to be used.

**Recreation:**

Tony Osani attended the Madison City Recreation Board meeting on August 3, 2010 where he mentioned the need for having a family restroom included in the planning of the new Dublin Park field restrooms.

**Additional Subjects:**

The board discussed ways to streamline the meetings and it was decided that the minutes would not be read at the beginning of each meeting. Board members will be responsible for reviewing the previous month's minutes prior to each meeting.

**Meeting was adjourned**