


<b>MINUTES</b>	Wednesday, January 24, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.	
<b>Disability Awareness and Accessibility Review Board Meeting</b>	City Hall Attorney's Conference Room, 224 W. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota or by teleconference at 1-408-418-9388, Access Code 1872 42 1266##	

Members	Present	Members	Present	Staff	Present
Tana Zwart, Chair	x	Kristen Barnhardt	x	Amber Mulder	x
Sarah Jorgensen, Vice Chair	x	Mychelle Garrigan	x	Lyndsey Meier	x
Cathleen Zepeda	x	Devin Labee Darling	x	Sage Stansell	x
Patricia Herman	x	Vacancy			
Jamie Richardson	x				

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Zwart called the meeting to order 4:02 p.m.

#### **ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Motion made by Barnhardt and seconded by Herman to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

#### **ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS**

Official introductions of all board members and Amber Mulder, new Senior Assistant City Attorney.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Jorgensen and seconded by Zepeda to approve minutes from the November 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

#### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

*Marketing, Education, and Public Needs*

No new updates.

*Community Outreach*

*ArtAbility:*

Richardson confirmed that Rehfeld's management is willing to offer a sensory friendly viewing option and will provide information on the options for this at a later date. Herman confirmed a space for a mall display. Board members will coordinate a set up prior to February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Richardson will coordinate media and community contacts to promote the event and call for art. Staff will send out the contact list from last year and confirm the option to add the event to the City calendar. Richardson will look into whether the LifeScape Foundation will allow them to hand out a flyer to all participants at the Mall Walk for exposure.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Accessibility Video Initiative*

Barnhardt summarized the background and purpose of the initiative to highlight accessibility within the City. Following the meeting with the City's Communications staff, the focus was set to recreational activities and accessible options. The initiative will start with text resources outlining accessible features

and options across all City recreational activities and programming, with a video demonstrating access to the bike trails in conjunction with the Mayor's 100 Miles, 100 Days kickoff at the end of April.

#### *Health Connect Human Race in June*

Herman discussed the opportunity for the board to participate in the Human Race in June, to be set for either the first or second Saturday. Non-profits are selected for individuals to support with a \$35 ticket. 75% of the funds received are returned to the organization, and each organization is provided a free booth at the Health Connect fair in September (typical cost is \$3,000-\$4,000).

Motion by Barnhardt to proceed with application for event, seconded by Herman. Motion carried.

#### *DAARB Budget*

Meier discussed information received from the City Finance department. The Human Relations Office and both boards (Human Relations Commission & DAARB) have a shared pool of funds to be used for programming, marketing, outreach, and events. \$15,000 per year is set to be allocated between all three groups.

#### **Open Board Discussion**

Barnhardt discussed SD Miss Amazing and noted that there is a post on their Facebook page seeking volunteers for March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for "right hand men" to walk women and girls up to the stage, as well as buddies to help individuals through the day. The minimum age to volunteer is 14.

Meier noted that there is still a vacancy on the board, but the Mayor approved a recommendation that will be going to Council in February. Staff also provided a copy of the Human Relations Annual Report for their review.

Meier explained that the Human Relations Office processes paratransit appeals and is seeking additional resources outside of River City to provide to individuals when appeals are denied. Barnhardt noted that all transportation agencies are short on drivers, but mentioned Wheelchair Transit Plus, Lyft/Uber programs that offer discounts, and a Lyft grant operated by 211/the Helpline Center.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Barnhardt and seconded by Herman to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:44p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

February 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sage Stansell  
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City of Sioux Falls Human Relations