


<h1>MINUTES</h1>	Wednesday, April 24, 2024 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		Amber Mulder	X
Sarah Jorgensen, Vice Chair	X	Mychelle Garrigan	video	Lyndsey Meier	X
Cathleen Zepeda	X	Devin Labee Darling			
Patricia Herman	X	Josh Mueller	X		
Jamie Reindl					

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Zwart called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

M/S/C by Mueller, Jorgensen to adopt the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/S/C by Zepeda, Herman to approve minutes from the March 2024 meeting and ArtAbility event on 4/19/24.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

***Marketing, Education, and Public Needs***

No updates.

***Community Outreach***

*ArtAbility*: Board debriefed ArtAbility that was held on 4/19/24. Approximate head count was 250 attendees with 87 pieces of art submitted. Human Relations staff will send participant survey results to Board members. Notes for next year include adding a map of the accessible entrance with the email reminder sent out to participants. Board noted that in speaking with guests they conveyed overall satisfaction with the venue although they also shared it was cramped and rather overcrowded. Positive feedback on the sensory viewing option and the slideshow was a great addition this year. Areas needing improvement are better coordination with logistics – working microphone so the Board can speak at the event. We ran out of nametags and programs rather early, so could order another 50 for next year’s event. Will also need to order more food next year, preferably desserts as they seemed to be the most popular. Zwart asked about rebranding and the Board unanimously agreed that the marketing materials look great and are well recognized for the annual event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADA Celebration/Living Library:** Board planning event for Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the passage of the ADA. Event will focus on reviving the Living Library concept with the purpose of educating people about disabilities and allowing those living with disabilities the opportunity to share their story. Herman and Meier toured the Outdoor Campus and advised there is no rental fee to use the space and they will also provide picnic tables. Board agreed on venue and Meier will secure reservation. Event will be held from 5:00-7:00pm and Human Relations staff will inquire into vendor permits for food trucks. Mueller will look into vendor options and reach out to local trucks. Zwart will handle marketing materials. Herman suggested using ground signs to identify books. Board discussed creating a guide similar to ArtAbility that explains the purpose of the Living Library and encourages people to go up and ask questions. Zwart will create guide and print through Alpha Graphics. Board will determine list of individual books at next month's meeting. Aiming for a total of 8 books.

**Highlighting Accessibility Initiative:** Previewed webpage provided by City Communications Dept. Zwart will speak with Barnhardt as she is taking the lead on this project. Herman provided history as to how this idea came about after an experience Barnhardt had at a local pool. Next steps will include creating a script before setting up a meeting with City Link. Board asked about refurbishments happening at Sertoma and Rotary park and perhaps waiting until these are complete before highlighting their accessibility.

**100 Miles/100 Days (Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM):** Tana will be one of the speakers at the Mayor's 100 Miles, 100 Days kickoff event and encouraged members to attend on behalf of the DAARB.

#### **OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

Zwart has taken over event planning for ADA 30 for next years celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA and feels this is a good opportunity to partner with the City for the event. The Board unanimously agreed and will plan on working together on a celebratory event.

Herman is working with Health Connect to bring a tactile art show to Sioux Falls. They are currently fundraising and will keep the Board apprised.

Zwart spoke with student Stephanie Nolmans who is interested in hosting a DogAbility event, allowing people with disabilities to show their animals. Nolmans was looking for guidance on how to bring the idea to fruition and Herman suggested partnering with an established event, such as a walk/run that is already organized.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Zepeda and seconded by Mueller to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

May 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndsey Meier  
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City of Sioux Falls Human Relations