

## **Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes February 8, 2016**

Present: Chris Kanowitz, B.J. Michels, Taylor Summer, Vern Richardson, Zach Wood, John Teumer Dave McDanel, and Bettie Greenberg

Others: Cari Brown, ARC

Absent: Karlee Keller, John Suess, and Rich Ball

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Minutes: Zach moved to approve the minutes; B.J. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **DAC Education**

Bettie provided information on Effective Communication requirements under Title II that applies to public entities so that communications to people with disabilities are as effective as communication with others. She mentioned that the City has sign language interpreters, assisted listening devices, etc.

### **Liaison Reports**

No reports. Cari discussed that the ARC Film Festival is scheduled for March 31, 2016 from 6pm-8pm in the Lory Student Center Theater at CSU.

## **Tasks**

Educational Outreach: Zach and John T. said that they scheduled a Disabilities Awareness event at Carrie Martin elementary school on February 23 (staff) and February 24 (students.) The school wanted only a 2 or 3 people conducting the training. Linda Benefiel agreed to help with visual disabilities. John and Zach will address people's perceptions about people with disabilities and the need to learn about the student's abilities.

## **Other Business**

Cari passed on an ARC Action Alert supporting SB16-077 on employment. The bill's purpose is to help find solutions for people with disabilities to find employment.

Future Topics: Members agreed that they would like 1) someone from the Building Division to discuss how they review plans and conduct inspections, and 2) someone from COLT to provide an update on the bus stop plan.

Adjournment: Zach moved to adjourn; John T. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Adjourned: 07:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary