

**Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes**  
**August 8, 2016**

Present: Vern Richardson, Chris Kanowitz, Dave McDanal, and Christina Cornelison-Spight

Absent: B.J. Michels, John Suess, Taylor Summer, and Rich Ball

Meeting Called to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Minutes: Chris moved to approve the minutes; Vern seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Reports:**

Council: No report.

DRS: Dave informed everyone on the upcoming Corn Roast festival parade on Aug 20th. He invited board members to participate and roll or ride on the float in the parade. Chris reminded the group that the DAC Board has a large banner that she stores, if we need it.

Dave described a new affordable housing project – Maple Terrace.

The educational event that Cari Brown's group, The ARC, held at the Gertrude Scott room 2 weeks ago had a good turnout. There was a lot of educational information available at the meeting.

Staff: Christina updated everyone on the status for the new Risk Manager. If a new manager is in place in time, Christina will bring that person to the next meeting. Christina also updated the board on the Interim Transit Manager changes.

Christina informed the group of the new policy regarding emails with City Council and the public access of such emails on the City website.

**Tasks**

Educational Outreach: Chris reached out to ARC again. She discussed possibly having a community board placed at their location. She is waiting to hear back from ARC with additional information.

Recruitment: The status of expiring members was discussed. Vern will renew online. Christina contacted the City's POI for any suggestions. She will bring those suggestions to the next meeting.

**Other Business**

Discussion was held regarding paratransit funding. This is a subject the board would like more information on. The new interim Transit Manager may be able to attend a future meeting to speak on this subject.

Respite Care and finding qualified respite caregivers was discussed. The board may be interested in looking into this subject and if there is a way they can assist.

Vern spoke on a discussion he had with Julie Gallagher, a recreation coordinator that works with disabled individuals. He said there is a concern about pay-your-way to participate in activities. This can be very difficult for some and this is any area they would like to learn more about.

The Can-Do group is having a meeting for their findings that they want to make Council aware of.

Adjournment: Chris moved to adjourn; Vern seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Adjourned: 07:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Cornelison-Spight, Secretary