

## **Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes October 10, 2016**

Present: Vern Richardson, Chris Kanowitz, John Suess, Taylor Summer, B.J. Michels, Dave McDanal, Jason Smitherman and Christina Cornelison-Spight

Absent: Rich Ball

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

Minutes: Taylor S. moved to approve the minutes; John S. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Reports:**

Council: No report.

DRS: The Loveland Connect event is October 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Truscott Elementary School. This is an event to connect homeless populations with a wide variety of services. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Section 8 housing vouchers are still frozen although housing packets will be available at the event.

Staff: Christina and Jason discussed the ADA Coordinator certification process and training opportunities.

### **Tasks**

Educational Outreach: Chris updated the Board on the Community Bulletin board at ARC. The bulletin board is up and running and boards will be placed in every store soon.

Recruitment: Chris went to Elderhaus. She has a prospective new Board member interested in joining, however the meeting day of the week is not compatible with her current schedule.

The City Manager has indicated that Board recruitment is a priority for him. Several of the City's Boards are looking for members. The City Manager is also looking into engagement with the Boards by their assigned Council Members. As part of this review, the City Manager is

planning to attend a meeting for all of the Boards over the next several months.

**Other Business:** The City has a grant to help with some adult daycare services.

Discussion was held regarding combining an awareness event with Disability Awareness Day, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, or Disability Independence Day on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Subjects for planning this event were: what is the goal of the event, who is the target audience, what is the solution we are looking for. Looking ahead, the Council meeting for July 25<sup>th</sup> was identified as a date the Board would like to be on the Council meeting agenda to promote Disability Awareness Day.

Taylor is going before City Council for a proclamation recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Christina and Jason feel the Board would be helpful in assisting us with parts of the City's updated transition plan.

The Board discussed the rules and procedures for how the Board is set up and what a desirable number of Board members might be if they decide to make a motion to amend it. Jason will inquire with Legal as to the proper procedure and format for making this change and report back at the next meeting.

Chris reported that Target stores are now utilizing Carolyn carts, which have a modified seating area at the back of the cart that can accommodate an adult sized person.

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

Adjourned: 07:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christina Cornelison-Spight, Secretary