

Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes January 9, 2016

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

Absent: Rich Ball

Meeting Called to Order: 6:04 p.m.

Minutes: John S. moved to approve the minutes; B.J. Michaels. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Reports:

Council: No report.

DRS: Cold weather is contributing to many difficulties to provide adequate services for many homeless and disabled. Some private funding allows for emergency assistance with hotel costs and gasoline (for those living in their vehicles.) when the shelters are full. Many shelters cannot accommodate ADA individuals.

Staff: Changes in Transit staffing may delay Mark Kirkpatrick from attending a DAC meeting in the next month or two. We will touch base with him to see how it looks in a few weeks.

The Power Outage Notification letter is finalized and will be distributed at the next meeting.

Tasks: None

New Business: 2016 DAC Accomplishments identified and are available on a separate document.

2017 DAC Goals were defined and are available on a separate document.

2017 Boards & Commissions Summit on March 9th 2017: Vern and Cari volunteered to attend this year. Jason will also attend.

ADA Transition Plan review: Jason is working on a committee of employees to assist in the updating of the City's Self Evaluation and Transition Plans. Additionally, he is working on getting consultants to assist us. The DAC board will be valuable to help with reviewing the updates and other information as we move forward.

Other Business: Cari shared some information regarding a call to action by The ARC regarding the Affordable Care Act. Discussion was held about the repeal of the ACA.

The Board is curious about the number of disabled employees that are employed at the City. Jason will

The Board would like to know about the results of a survey that Parks department did a few years ago. We will inquire.

Old Business:

The community bulletin board at Arc was discussed. Chris would like to inform other agencies about the existence of the community board.

Recruitment: Cari Brown declared that she will fill out an application to join the DAC board.

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

Adjourned: 07:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Cornelison-Spight (for Jason Smitherman), Secretary