

SIoux CITY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM MONTHLY MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014 – 9:00 AM

Those in attendance were:

Theo McElhose, City Human Resources
Angel Wallace, Parks and Recreation
Jayme Chwarka, DRC Siouxland
Karen Mackey, Human Rights
Don Dew, DRC Siouxland

Items discussed by the committee were as follows:

Departmental Items

- Recap of the Disability Forum from July 21st:
 - The forum went well, wish there were more attendees with disabilities. There were excellent questions from the public. DRC of Siouxland wished more of their clientele had participated.
 - Questions at the Forum about the need for the forum. There were lots of questions for the Public Works department. Citizens got expected responses.
 - The small number of attendees was not a surprise. Advertising could have been better. There was a small ad in the paper on Saturday.

Community Representative Items

- Access SUX is applying for a non-profit status. If successful, this will allow them to create an organization that will act in the capacity that of a Commission which will hold businesses accountable for ADA standards. It will also act as a mediator.
- The new organization will seek support from the City and will work with the City.

Other Items

- Transportation:
 - Taxi rides for \$14.00 round trip are expensive for people with limited income and perhaps disabled.
 - Question was asked why a Human Rights Commission who once raised money for the pools cannot do the same for the Taxi program – not their responsibility.
 - DRC of Siouxland or Sioux City Transit might consider writing a grant to offset some of the costs.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting for this committee will take place Friday August 29, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the 4th Floor Clocktower.