

March 2013 Minutes
Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Date: March 12, 2013

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Claudia Rice, Chairperson

Recorder: Sheila Fuller

Board Members Present: Claudia Rice, Don Gardner, Tracy Butterfield, Sheila Fuller, Dena Johnson, Cathy Burris, Keith Bedsole, Jamie Hill, Cynthia Allison

Board Members Absent: none

Guest Present: none

Call to Order: The Chairperson, Claudia Rice, called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present. It was noted that sufficient prior notice of the meeting was given, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Announcements:

1. Claudia Rice distributed the announcements to members present.
2. Board members signed-up to submit articles in the Madison Weekly

Public Comments – limited to 2 minutes per guest: none

Approval of Minutes:

1. Claudia Rice noted a quorum was present from the regular November 2012 meeting. Claudia made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular November 2012 meeting as distributed to board members. Don Gardner made a second to the motion. 6 members approved the motion; 0 members opposed the motion; 3 members abstained from voting due to not being present at the November 2012 meeting.
2. Claudia Rice noted a quorum was present from the regular January 2013 meeting. Don Gardner made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular January 2013 meeting as distributed to board members. Tracy Butterfield made a second to the motion. 5 members approved the motion; 0 members opposed the motion; 4 members abstained from voting due to not being present at the January 2013 meeting.
3. Claudia Rice noted a quorum was present from the regular February 2013 meeting. Cynthia made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular February 2013 meeting. Kathy Burris made a second to the motion. 6 members approved the motion; 0 members opposed the motion; and 3 members abstained from voting due to not being present at the February 2013 meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Gardner provided a copy of the Treasurers report to all board members present. He reported that he has worked on reconciling the MCDAB financial records with the Madison City budget records for MCDAB. He reported a balance of \$12,125.89. This balance reflects the purchase of a trifold for \$303.15. Board Members were reminded to email expenditures to Don or Claudia, keep a personal copy of any receipts, and turn receipts into Don Gardner or to the Madison City Clerk. Claudia requested for Don to email the MCDAB budget to all board members so they can see how all funds are distributed.

Easter Egg Hunt: An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 29th at Palmer Park. Keith Bedsole made a motion the we participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Don Gardner gave a second to the motion. 9 members approved; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions. Claudia requested that board members advertise this event, volunteer for the event, and stay afterwards to help clean up. Volunteers should be there at 6 p.m. and plan on working for about two hours to work. Kathy will do a flyer and send a draft to Claudia. Claudia will then send it to Gayle in the city office.

Annual Appropriation Agreement with City of Madison:

Exhibit A in handout: Claudia provided the presentation for the City Council concerning the annual appropriations. The first part reviewed MCDAB's accomplishments and the second part provided goals MCDAB intends to provide to Madison City. The document was emailed to board members for a review. Claudia noted that items highlighted in blue on the document which was provided at the meeting were changes made after the email was distributed. The board reviewed the handout provided with changes in blue. After discussion more changes were recommended. Claudia made a motion to accept the agreement which will be presented on March 25th at 6 p.m. with the following changes: 1) Page 1 under the transportation committee the second sentence in the paragraph should read "This information was presented at a City Council meeting July 2013."; 2) Page 2 add the following plan for 2013 "MCDAB is researching funding to sponsoring a scholarship for a child with a disability to attend space camp." Tracy Butterfield provided a second for the motion. 9 member approved; 0 opposed; 0 abstained

Committee Reports

Tracy Butterfield shared with the board plans for a free family swim at the Hogan YMCA. This event will be held on April 7, 2013 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Hogan YMCA in Madison. RSVP first come first serve. There is no age limit for any disability.

Kathy Burris will be working on the MCDAB brochure.

Accessibility: Don Gardner reported that the accessibility video is up to about 5,000 hits. He also reported that the accessibility committee is working with the Madison City Police Department to enforce/educate parking issues.

Housing/day services: Claudia Rice reported that this committee have planned a meeting for to facilitate discussion for day services and housing on April 6th at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The meeting will be held at Trinity Baptist Church. The goal is for 50 people to attend the meeting. Claudia requested additional funds to help pay for this meeting. Keith Bedsole made a motion to allow the Housing/Day Services committee to spend up to \$600 (including the \$150 already spent) of the \$1200 dollars under the day service budget line item. Dena Johnson provided a second for the motion. 9 board members approved; 0 opposed; 0 abstained

The committee will be meeting at Rhonda's house on March 21st at 6 p.m. They will also have a final meeting on March 29th at 9 a.m. at the Madison Public Library. Claudia will send reminder emails to the board for these meetings.

Reminders: Annual Appropriation Agreement will be presented on March 25, 2013 at 6 p.m. Board members should come to support Claudia in this presentation if they are available.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting will be April 9th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Conference Room 130.

NOTE: Underlined text indicates an action to be taken by a board member(s).