

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

Date: May 14, 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, Sheila Fuller, Cynthia Allison, Keith Bedsole

Board Members Absent: Jamie Hill, Kathy Burris, Tracy Butterfield, Dena Johnson

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. Other Announcements: Claudia will send out an email reminder about the Day Housing Committee meeting on June 7, 2013.

Public Comments – limited to 2 minutes per guest: none

Approval of Minutes: Claudia Rice noted a quorum was not present from the regular April 2013 meeting. These minutes will be approved at the June 2013 board meeting providing a quorum is present.

Treasurer's Report: Don Gardner provided a copy of the Treasurers report to all board members present. He reported a balance of \$13,810.92. He also provided the board with a FY 2013 Financial Report which documented income and expenses based on the FY 2013 MCDAB Budget. Don proposed the idea of adopting a policy for drafting the budget which limits total budget based on current balance and anticipated income. He suggested that this policy be adopted prior to establishing the FY 2014 budget. Claudia suggested that any policy developed needs to become part of the MCDAB bylaws. Don will draft a policy and present it to the board at a later time.

Election of New Officers: Due to four board members not being attendance the election of new officers will be postponed to the June 11, 2013 board meeting. Positions needed: chairman, vice chairman, secretary

Committee Reports:

Fishing Rodeo for Special Needs: Claudia Rice will be meeting with Gayle Milam to finalize the details for the fishing rodeo. This event will be held on June 8, 2013 at Dublin Park in Madison. Registration will be from 10 a.m. with the fishing event beginning at 10:30 a.m. The event will conclude at noon. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. **This event will need volunteers.** When Claudia meets with Ms. Milam, she will find out if there are local business sponsors. There will not be an entry fee and it is open to all ages. Ms. Milam has a liability waiver to attach to the entry form. As part of the liability the parent/guardian will sign stating they are aware this is not a drop off event. MCDAB will provide drinks and a light

snack. Gayle also provide the certificates of participation. Claudia will let the board know where volunteers can be used. Don Gardner made a motion that the board approve up to \$300 for the fishing rodeo to cover supplies needed. Keith Bedsole and Cynthia Allison seconded. All members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

Special-Needs Swim at YMCA: There have been some problems confirming the date for the next family swim time. The plans are to have on in June 2, 2013. Tracy Butterfield will confirm the date and time through an email to the board.

Accessibility: Don Gardner shared with the board that the accessibility committee wrote two pages about Phase I Renovation for downtown Madison. Don met with officials from Madison City to review the committee findings. Some issues were concerning private property accessibility. Other issues included a safety issue where there were no rails a building, some store entrances had one or two steps, and in one area the either the sidewalk needs elevating to bring it up to door level or a there needs to be a ramp for each area. One other issue was allocation of parking space for persons with disabilities.

MCDAB Awards: Nominations are now being accepted for the annual awards to recognize and honor those who go above and beyond for those with disabilities or for those who inspire us. Awards will be presented in three areas: Faith, Inspiration, and Personal Service. Board members need to help solicit nominees for these awards. Applications and instructions can be found our website (www.mcdab.org). Deadline for applications is June 10th. Claudia would like to vote on the nominees at the June 11th board meeting.

Day Services and Housing: The next community-wide meeting will be on June 7, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church on Hughes Road. Cynthia Allison provided a report from the meeting on April 27. They had 31 people in attendance. At this meeting, Kathy gave a brief overview of what is required to start a non-profit. Cana presented a slide show which depicted the different types of housing (single building with services, distributed residential, campus environment). Three subcommittees were formed. They are funding, day services, and housing. These committees will begin the research process and present reports at the June 7th meeting.

Transportation: No report

Recreation Advisory Board: No report

Madison Street Festival booth: Claudia presented to the board the plans for a booth at the Madison Street Festival. The cost to register a booth from festival organizers is \$100 and to rent a tent is \$200 which includes set up and take-down of the tent, tables, and a few chairs. Keith Bedsole made a motion for the board to approve \$300 to reserve the Madison Street Festival Booth. Cynthia Allison provided a second to the motion. All members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting is June 11th, 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).