

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee

Date: 07/25/2024

Brookings City and County Government Center

520 3rd St, Room 241

Brookings, SD 57006

Phone (605) 692-6281

Attendance: Katie Knudson, Lynda Venhuizen, Mark Sternhagen, Ali Teesdale*, Jennifer Mees*, Ismael Collazo*, Aysia Platte, Ramona Kauk*

SDSU Student: Absent

SDSU Liaison: Vacant

HRC Liaison: Absent

Library Liaison: Absent

Brookings School District Liaison: Summer Schultz* 12:08pm

City Representative: Maureen Simet

Guests: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda and minutes was made by Izzy, seconded by Aysia.

The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Ramona, Izzy, Lynda, Ali, Aysia, Katie, Jen, Mark
- No: none

3. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ramona, seconded by Izzy. The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Ramona, Izzy, Lynda, Ali, Aysia, Katie, Jen, Mark
- No: none

4. Budget Update

- No changes.
- \$422.10 Spent
- \$4895.90 remaining
- \$1,000 allocated for ASL
- \$1,000 allocated for Sign at Park

5. Officer Updates:

- a. **Chair**
Mark would like to re-visit the system for distributing the BATA tokens.
- b. **Vice Chair**
No updates.
- c. **Recorder**
No updates.
- d. **Publicity coordinator**
 - More events have been sent to Aysia to post.
 - Aysia discussed making a formal statement in support of BATA extending their hours. Put on Facebook page and formal letter to BATA.
 - The app continues to be inaccessible to vision disability.

A motion to approve a formal statement/letter to BATA in support of the extension of hours was made by **Katie**, seconded by **Jennifer**.

- Yes: Ramona, Izzy, Lynda, Ali, Aysia, Katie, Jen, Mark
- No: none
- Aysia is continuing to hear back in regards to the ASL class.

- e. **SDSU Liaison**
Vacant
- f. **Library Liaison**
Absent
- g. **School Liaison**
No Updates.
- h. **City Representative**
No Updates.
- j. **HRC Committee Liaison**
Vacant

6. Work Plan Item:

- a. Proclamation
 - i. Mark noted that the city council meeting did not have sound when on TV
 - ii. The next proclamation may be coming up (November?) in regards to the Rehabilitation Act.
- b. White Cane Day
 - i. General mention of the event and encouraged start planning for the event. Aysia, Matt, and Izzy have helped in the past.
 - ii. National Federation for the Blind has a chapter in Brookings. The committee agreed a partnership would be beneficial.
- c. NDEAM
 - i. Occurs in October.
 - ii. Ramona will provide an update on the NDEAM event.

7. Mayor's Awards

- Website was updated, the press release went out, and the deadline is August 15th.
- Awards will be decided at next meeting. Due September 1st.
- Mark requested Aysia post this to the Facebook page.

8. Listening Session Update

- Katie will schedule a subcommittee meeting.

9. ASL Class: Update

- The goal is to start the class in the fall.

10. Events/Publicity Discussion

- Mark suggested updating the brochure.
- Mark brought up having more merchandise to hand out at events. Both traditional and non-traditional.
- Fall Downtown Event September 14th - Potentially have a booth at that event.
 - Katie and Jennifer volunteered to be at the booth.
 - Registration fee is \$10.
 - Izzy suggested handing out coasters he makes. He will propose a cost in the future.
 - The committee agreed that the cookies may be good
 - Applications are due August 12th. Katie and Maureen will work collaboratively on registration.

A motion was made to allocate \$1000 for the registration fee and merchandise for the Fall Downton Event by **Katie**, seconded by **Aysia**.

- Yes: Ramona, Izzy, Lynda, Ali, Aysia, Katie, Jen, Mark
- No: none

11. Next meeting is at 12:00PM on August 22nd, hybrid format.

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Katie, and seconded by Aysia. The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Ramona, Izzy, Lynda, Ali, Aysia, Katie, Jen, Mark
- No: none

Submitted by Ramona Kauk, Recorder