

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee

Date: 08/29/2024

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, Matthew Weiss*,
Ramona Kauk*, Rachel Holm*, Aysia Platte 12:28*

SDSU Student: Absent

SDSU Liaison: Vacant

HRC Liaison: Absent

Library Liaison: Mikayla Neubauer

Brookings School District Liaison: Absent

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 with the addition of discussion of downtown signs, was made by Matt, seconded by Rachel. The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Ramona, Matt, Lynda, Rachel, Katie, Lynda, Mark
- No: none

3. Approval of minutes

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

- Yes: Ramona, Matt, Lynda, Rachel, Katie, Lynda, Mark
- No: none

4. Budget Update

- \$10.00 for Fall for Downtown
- \$4885.90 remaining

5. Officer Updates:

- a. **Chair**
Vacant
- b. **Vice Chair**
Downtown at Sundown - Signage
Discussion of verbiage of “walk your wheels”
The list of names on the agenda’s need to be update. Maureen will confirm that this will be completed.
- c. **Recorder**
No updates.
- d. **Publicity coordinator**
No updates.
- e. **SDSU Liaison**
Vacant
- f. **Library Liaison**
 - 1. “Community conversations” group is looking for facilitators.
 - a. 5 weeks of group meetings, 1 hour
 - b. 2 facilitators, 10 group members
 - c. Topic is determined at first meeting.
 - d. Facilitators need to be available 1 hour a week for 5 weeks
 - e. Facilitator training on the 7th
 - f. Information session is 9/12 to provide the opportunity to sign up to ge a group member
 - i. Speaker will be presenting on “Civil Discourse”
 - 2. Sept 5th. Disability Etiquette and ADA Basics Seminar
 - a. History of ADA & 5 titles
 - b. Define disability
 - c. Prevalence of disability and why access matters
 - d. Makaela will ask Aysia to share the event.
 - 3. Activities series
 - a. Craft Classes 9/13 1pm
 - i. Also looking into possibly doing an evening time.
- g. **School Liaison**
No Updates.

h. **City Representative**

No Updates.

j. **HRC Committee Liaison**

Vacant

6. Work Plan Item:

a. Mayor's Awards

- i. 1 Nomination for Boys and Girls Club for the Empower Award

A motion was made by Mark, and seconded by Ramona, to choose the Boys and Girls Club for the Empower Award. The motion carried by the following votes:

Yes: Ramona, Matt, Lynda, Rachel, Katie, Lynda, Mark

No: none

A motion was made by Ramona, and seconded by Matt for the Brookings Ambulance to receive the ABLE award.

Yes: Ramona, Matt, Lynda, Rachel, Katie, Lynda, Mark

No: none

b. Proclamation

- i. NDEAM proposed for October. Maureen will send out and it will be reviewed in September.

8. Listening Session Update

- a. October 22nd 5-6:30pm
- b. There is a list of people being asked to come.
- c. There will be a recording.
- d. Lynda will write up a script to ask people to come.
- e. Focus on topics from the original meeting.
- f. Maureen will reserve Room 300 in City Building
- g. There are drinks left over from previous meeting that will be used for this meeting.
- h. City will provide notepads and pens.

9. ASL Class: Update

- a. Aysia and Sammy will be working on getting a schedule established.

10. Downtown Sign Verbiage

- a. Mark will send out the email with particular verbiage for committee to review and discuss at next meeting.
- b. Discussion of verbiage of “walk your wheels”
- c. The image depicts things like bikes, skateboard and rollerblades.
- d. To be determined on where and frequency of signage.
- e. The committee has no opposition and does not view the logo and verbiage as offensive. Particularly highlighting that the logo is necessary.

11. Events/Publicity Discussion

- Merch to hand out
 - Fall for downtown is September 14th
 - Cookies will be utilized for this. Mark will look into ordering the cookies.

12. Next meeting is at 12:00PM on September 26th, hybrid format. November and December meetings will be scheduled at next meeting.

13. Adjournment

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

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

Submitted by Ramona Kauk, Recorder