

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee

Date: 6/25/2026

Brookings City and County Government Center

520 3rd St, Room 241

Brookings, SD 57006

Phone (605) 692-6281

Attendance: Mark Sternhagen, Carrie Smith, Jason Hodne, Jamy Schomaker, Ramona Kauk, lacy Knutson, Aysia Platte, Lacey Klingbile, Jennifer Mees

SDSU Student Liaison: Isabelle Weller

BSD Liaison: **(absent)**

SDSU Liaison: Jenny Hallan **(absent)**

City Staff Liaison: Maureen

1. Called to order at 12:00
2. Approval Items
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve agenda and minutes Lacey Klingbile, 2nd Jamy Schomaker
 - ii. Vote: Yes; lacy Knutson, Jason Hodne, Ramona Kauk, Jamy Schomaker, Lacey Klingbile, Aysia Platte, Jennifer Mees, Carrie Smith, Mark Sternhagen. No: 0 Motion Carries.
3. Public Comment/ Introductions:
 - a. None
4. Budget Updates:
 - a. \$500 was allocated to July meeting and Magnets.
5. Officer updates:
 - a. President
 - i. None
 - b. Vice President
 - i. None
 - c. Publicity
 - i. None
 - d. Liaison
 - i. City Staff Liaison
 1. The director of park/rec has resigned and the City will be searching for a new one.
 - ii. SDSU Student Liaison
 1. None
6. Speaker -
 - a. Nikki Einning will possibly attend in August as Speaker
7. Access Issues to Discuss

- a. E Scooters, Bikes, etc.
 - i. Anything enforced or put in ordinance would exclude person mobility devices.
 - b. Voting in Brookings
 - c. The Wall
 - i. Available access ability.
 - 1. Wheel chairs and personal motorized devices were allowed close to the wall.
 - 2. Golf Carts were available to those needed, but were not allowed directly up to the wall as to not distract others experiencing the wall.
 - d. Sensory Swim
 - i. Growing and discussion is occurring about making other times throughout the day available
8. Work Plan Items
- a. ADA Proclamation
 - i. City Hall Meeting July 28
 - ii. Awards
 - 1. ABLE Award
 - a. Businesses that goes above and beyond to make their environment accessible to all individuals
 - 2. ENABLE Award
 - a. Business that employs and supports individuals with a disability
9. Events/Publicity Discussion (Social Media Campaign)
- a. July meeting
 - i. Encouraging all to attend in person
 - ii. Lunch will be provided at this meeting.
 - b. Merch to Hand out
 - i. Refrigerator Magnets
 - 1. 166 magnets in total for \$250.00
 - ii. Calm Strips
 - 1. [Calmstrips.com](https://calmstrips.com)
 - a. Cost varies by design and texture.
 - b. Subcommittee created to determine best option and present at next meeting
 - iii. Exposure/Social Media
 - 1. Discussed what is possible for committees using social media.
 - 2. Discussed ways in which to create awareness to our committee
10. Next Meeting/Format
- a. July 23, 2026, 12:00 PM
11. Adjournment
- a. Motion to Adjourn made by Jennifer Mees, 2nd by Ramona Kauk.

- b. Vote: Yes; lacy Knutson, Jason Hodne, Ramona Kauk, Jamy Schomaker, Lacey Klingbile, Aysia Platte, Jennifer Mees, Carrie Smith, Mark Sternhagen. No: 0
Motion Carries.