

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee

Date: 4/23/2026

Brookings City and County Government Center

520 3rd St, Room 241

Brookings, SD 57006

Phone (605) 692-6281

Attendance: Aysia Platte, Lacey Klingbile, Ari Limoges (left 1:03), Mark Sternhagen, Carrie Smith (left 1:02), Jamy Schomaker, Ali Teesdale (arrived 12:09), Jennifer Mees, Jason Hodne, lacy Knutson (left 1:02), Ramona Kauk

SDSU Student Liaison: Isabelle Weller

SDSU Liaison: Jenny Hallan

City Staff Liaison: Maureen

Visitor – Eli Reese – SDSU student attending meeting as a class requirement to attend a city Government or committee meeting.

Ali – Absent (arrived 12:09)

1> Call to order 12:00

2> Approval Items

- a. Ramona Motion to approve agenda and minutes, Lacy 2nd; Vote: Yes: Aysia Platte, Lacey Klingbile, Ari Limoges, Mark Sternhagen, Carrie Smith, Jamy Schomaker, Jennifer Mees, Jason Hodne, lacy Knutson, Ramona Kauk; No: 0

3> Public Comment

- a. Introductions of Members/new members

4> Budget

- a. No changes to note

5> Officer Updates:

- a. President

- i. BATA Rate Raises

1. In Brookings increase to \$4.00, Volga & Aurora to \$6.00 and Same-day reservation will be \$10.00. If you buy tokens now they will honor them. Increase takes effect May 1, 2026

- b. Vice-President

- i. Shared recommendations with pool director for sensory friendly day.

Considering possible changes based on these.

- c. Reporter

- i. No updates to note

- d. Social Media

- i. Reminder for how to share information to events in the area

6> Speaker

- a. Lynda Pierce -

- i. AGR fraternity representative Providing update on status of design and building process.
 - ii. Demolition of current house to begin mid May 2026 and to be completed summer of 2027.
 - iii. Kent T. Alumni – sharing experience as a quadriplegic living in various residences and the impact of access in those living arrangements.
- 7> Any access issues to talk about
 - a. Voting in Brookings
 - i. Link to ensure voter registration information is correct prior to arriving to vote.
 - b. Traffic lights 6th and Main – reported by community member
 - i. Not always functioning correctly, auditory cues for vision impaired not working.
 - c. Soccer Fields
 - i. Shared use path contained broken cement with no signage
 - 1. Was able to contact contractor and have issue corrected quickly.
- 8> Work Plan Items:
 - a. Digital Access Awareness
 - i. Proclamation at City Council Meeting, May 19th, 2026.
 - b. Awards
 - i. July 17th due date for nominations.
 - ii. A.B.L.E and Empower Awards.
- 9> Events /Publicity Discussion (social Medial Campaign)
 - a. Merch to handout
 - i. Refrigerator Magnets
 - b. Other Items to hand out
 - c. Possible committee to plan treats etc. for July Meeting
 - i. Sub Committee to plan
 - 1. Recommendation made for Ali & Jamy.
 - a. Jamy accepted, Ali declined due to time constraints
 - b. Lacy Knutson offered to assist.
 - 2. \$200.00 Budget recommendation
- 10> Meeting date/format May 28, 2027 at 12:00pm is next scheduled
 - a. Planning to increase meeting in person during summer
- 11> Adjournment
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 - b. Meeting adjourned at 1:06