

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee

Date: 09/26/2024

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 12:12 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 Lynda. The motion carried by the following votes:*

- Yes: Ramona, Matt, Lynda, Ali, Aysia, Jennifer, Mark
- No: none

3. Approval of minutes

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

- Yes: Ramona, Matt, Lynda, Ali, Aysia, Mark
- No: none

4. Budget Update

- \$2907 remaining

5. Officer Updates:

- a. **Chair**  
Vacant

- b. **Vice Chair**  
No updates.
- c. **Recorder**  
No updates.
- d. **Publicity coordinator**  
No updates.
- e. **SDSU Liaison**  
Vacant
- f. **Library Liaison**
- g. **School Liaison**  
Brookings Special Olympics change to only school aged. However, the individuals involved are in discussions on how to move forward.
- h. **City Representative**  
No updates.
- j. **HRC Committee Liaison**  
Vacant

## **6. Remaining open positions**

There are various open seats. Mark suggested the committee consider individuals for these.

## **7. Work Plan Item:**

- a. NDEAM Proclamation - October 22nd Ramona will ask Brookings Area Self-Advocates to attend.
- b. White Cane - Aysia reported that NFB will be partaking and spear-heading the event
  - i. 10/15/24 at 4:30pm
  - ii. Is a permit necessary?
    - 1. Maureen noted it would be beneficial to submit a permit.
  - iii. Advertisements were in the Brookings Register and Town and Country Shopper.

*A motion to allocate \$200 for White Cane Advertising was made by **Matt**, seconded by **Lynda**. The motion carried by the following votes:*

- Yes: Ramona, Matt, Lynda, Ali, Aysia, Mark
- No: none

c. Guest speakers

Avoid November & December

Lynda recommended a representative from The Wintrode Center at SDSU for the October meeting.

8. Listening Session Update

Next session is October 24th at 5pm.

9. ASL Class: Update

Aysia continues to work with Sammy and Mikaela to coordinate details. Space at the library is limited. There are concerns about the allocated money timeline. The Larson Performing Arts Center was discussed. Aysia suggested looking for an alternative space to be able to start sooner.

10. Events/Publicity Discussion

- Mark requested the committee discuss options at the next 2 meetings.
- All merchandise that was at the Fall for Downtown Event was distributed.
- Aysia requested that whoever is managing the direct messages on the BDAC page say their name.

12. Next meeting is October 24th at 12:00PM on September 26th, hybrid format.

-November meeting date and time will be determined at the next meeting.

13. Adjournment

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

- Yes: Ramona, Matt, Lynda, Ali, Aysia, Jennifer, Mark
- No: none

Submitted by Ramona Kauk, Recorder