

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee  
Date: 02/26/26  
Brookings City and County Government Center  
520 3rd St, Room 241  
Brookings, SD 57006  
Phone (605) 692-6281

Attendance: Jamy Schomaker, Aysia Platte, Lacy Knutson, Jennifer Mees, Ariana Limoges, Mark Sternhagen, Carrie Smith (arrived 12: 06), Ali Teesdale,

SDSU Student:  
SDSU Liaison:  
HRC Liaison:  
Library Liaison:  
Brookings School District Liaison: Alysha Hamann  
City Representative: Maureen  
Guests: Heather Asmussen

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order @ 12:00pm
- 2) Approval Items
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Minutes

Motion to approve: Jamy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lacy; Vote: Jamy – yes, Lacy – yes, Aly – Yes, Aysia – yes, Jen – yes, Ari- yes, Carrie – absent , Mark – Yes

- 3) Public Comment
  - a. None
- 4) Budget Update
  - a. No change
- 5) Officer Updates
  - a. Chair: None
  - b. Assistant Chair: None
  - c. Recorder: None
  - d. Events/Publicity: None
  - e. City: None
  - f. BSD Liaison:
    - i. Up coming Disability Week:
      1. Middle school: Made videos that will be played in homerooms

2. Dakota Prairie: Continuing with her disability week with various activities that highlight the impact of various disabilities on individuals
3. Oncore in elementary school: will be doing various events
4. Medary: made coffee cup holders available at Choco Latte.
5. High School will be doing various events in Adaptive PE
6. Each Building has sensory spaces available.
7. Transition program: looking for various businesses willing to support Project search in hiring or interning students.

6) Speaker: Heather Asmussen

- a. Owner and operator of \_\_\_\_\_; which is an ABA\_\_\_\_\_ located in Brookings.
- b. Received grant in which she will be using towards purchasing books to help support and educate parents of the students/kids she supports.

7) Access Issues

- a. Voting in Brookings
  - i. Continue to monitor changes in voting and any restrictions these changes may impact disabled individuals

8) Work Plan Item:

- a. March Developmental Disabilities Month
  - i. Proclamation at City Hall Meeting on Tuesday March 24, 2026 at 6:00pm

9) Events/Publicity Discussion (Social Media Campaign)

- a. None

10) Meeting Date/Format

- a. Next Meeting March 26, at Noon.

11) Adjournment

- a. At 12:32

Motion to approve: Lacy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ali; Vote: Jamy – yes, Lacy – yes, Aly – Yes, Aysia – yes, Jen – yes, Ari- yes, Carrie – Yes , Mark – Yes