

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee
February 26, 2021

Attendance: Matt Weiss, Mark Sternhagen, Jenny Grendler, Jon Stauff, Carol Jung, Daniel Gissing, Connie Lemke, Nancy Olson

1. We discussed updates about Shawn from BPM, the Council Retreat and Brianna's speech about the name change. The Accessibility Taskforce will meet up mid-month to discuss the request from Shawn.
2. 2020 Awards:
 - a. EMPOWER award: nobody really knew where this one was at, schedule-wise with The Pheasant. We felt that we should get the Chamber involved (and hopefully their videographer) to help promote the eventual event. We also felt it worked relatively well to schedule the same day as our normal committee meeting, and I suggested 10:30am to give us a little more time between. Mark also thought maybe we then eat lunch / have our meeting there?! I wonder if that's feasible but it was brought up. Speculatively then 10:30am on March 26th, if this works for them.
 - b. 2021 Awards: Mark brought up the fact that in previous years we had done the ABLE award in May. Mayor's Award Ceremony also mentioned as the time for another previous year but unsure if it'll happen this year or not. Speculatively we would plan for maybe late September or October for the actual awards Event. We would then solicit for nominees in summer months, and advertise in advance in several ways.
3. Name Change:
 - a. Interview with Jodelle would probably be in mid-April, as Jodelle will be very busy with elections in March.
 - b. Cookies brought up, no details decided on. Timing for delivery of cookies is suggested after City Council approval and prior to paper article release.
4. New Logo:
 - a. Some members wanted to see it but nobody had it available to share. It was also stated that there was really only one choice. All the same, some members wanted to make it a review item for next month's meeting to determine use, but still we approved it as our logo at this current meeting. A little goofy but everyone's happy
5. March Proclamation: Some group members wanted the chance to review it and add their feedback. Refer to email sent out, and process indicated there.

