

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee

Date: May 26, 2022

Hybrid Zoom and in-person

Brookings City and County Government Center

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Attendance: Izzy Collazo, Jenny Grendler, Rachel Holm, Michelle Johnson*, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Ali Teesdale, Matthew Weiss

SDSU Student: Emma Nusrat Qurashi**

SDSU Liaison: Vacant

County ADA Coordinator: Kristen Witchey

City ADA Coordinator: Nancy Olson (in attendance)

Absent: Jenny Grendler

Guests: Charlene (Charlie) Ward

**Michelle arrived during agenda item 6 and is not included in votes prior to that item.*

***Susan will need to verify if Emma has voting power.*

1. The meeting was called to order at **12:02 p.m.**

2. Welcome New Members/Introductions

- Emma Nusrat Qurashi is a clinical mental health student, works at Brookings Behavioral Health, is the new SDSU Student Liaison.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda and minutes was made by Aysia, seconded by Rachel.

The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Rachel Holm, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Ali Teesdale, Matthew Weiss
- No: (none.)

4. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the agenda and minutes was made by Izzy, seconded by Jon. The

motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Rachel Holm, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Ali Teesdale, Matthew Weiss
- No: (none.)

5. Budget

- Balance currently is **\$2939.89**.

6. Officer Updates:

a. **Chair**

- Matt: Will revisit later on, but Matt did connect with Kathy from the Brookings Community Band.
- Matt: Met with Aysia and Mark regarding accessible housing issue.

b. **Vice Chair**

- No updates at this time.

c. **Recorder**

- No updates at this time.

d. **Publicity coordinator**

- Mark: Would like to put ADA Day on the agenda, however BATA has declined to extend service for the community band concert (on July 17, 2022). For one-off service, in the past, BATA has quoted \$300-400 for providing service. Interim director Travis offered service to Mark personally, but Mark declined as this is a community issue, not individual. It is possible to rent a bus, but the driver would have to be trained and certified by BATA, and we would be responsible for marketing and dispatch services.
 - Matt: Discussed looking at this in an alternative manner, which would be broadcasting the concert virtually to any city member who would want to watch.
 - Susan: Proposed asking Travis (BATA interim director) to attend one of our meetings, and even include Paul (city manager) or other city officials like the mayor to join.
 - Aysia: Asked about utilizing public entities (the city or SDSU), rather than private entities, to purchase and/or have a rental system for one accessible van that could be utilized for community functions as needed.
 - Aysia: Questioned working with local bike shops and potentially developing a cargo bike taxi system, since many events happen in warm

weather months, and disabled residents may be more likely to live in centralized locations (in apartments, closer to downtown).

- Mark: Checked on cookie pricing, which has gone up a bit (200 = ~\$2/cookie, 300 = ~\$1.90 cookie), and would like to .
- Mark: Will be on KDLK on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 doing a regular radio show.

e. City ADA coordinator

- Susan: Reminded the committee about the BATA tokens that we purchased at the end of last year.
 - Rachel: Mentioned that the Brookings Aging Coalition will be holding a fair in the fall, and they could utilize the tokens for attendees. The coalition meets every month and Rachel could propose it then.
- Susan: Prompted committee regarding developing a mayoral proclamation for ADA Day.
 - Matt: Will draft and review in June at next Disability Awareness Committee meeting so that turnaround can happen before the event (city council meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month lands on ADA Day, July 26).

f. County ADA coordinator

- No updates at this time.

g. SDSU Liaison

- No updates at this time.

h. Human Rights Commission Liaison

- Charlie: Mentioned events coming up in June, [PRIDE week](#) and event on June 11, [Juneteenth](#) on June 19, series of events for [Common Read](#) will also happen later this summer (HRC will sponsor film screening on October 15 and Griffith lecture on November 1).
- Charlie: Dianne Nagy (HRC vice chair) is working with the city on the master plan and BATA has come up as a topic of discussion.
- Charlie: Shared that the Human Rights Commission is revising process for people who feel they have been discriminated against.

7. Events/Public Promotions:

- a. May 10th - Mental Health Awareness Month Mayoral Proclamation by Mental Health Coalition
- b. Discussion on "Disabled Day for Kids" at Creative Space Studio on Main
 - i. Aysia: Shared about meeting with Brittany (Creative Space Studio owner) and Izzy that took place, and requested that we confirm a date and rent

space with Brittany, so that we can start taking enrollments to get a better idea of number of participants and final cost (materials, which is variable). We may also need to do a pre-survey to get a better idea of any support needs for anyone who participates so that we can plan for modifications and accommodations, and we will need to amplify the event on the Disability Awareness Committee social media (Brittany will also share on the Creative Space Studio social media).

- ii. Izzy: Asked about food options during the event.

*A motion to approve conservative estimate of **\$400** budget for this event (\$180 for space rental at \$45/hour for four hours, plus ~\$200 materials cost at \$10/per person times 20 people, plus a cushion) was made by Izzy, seconded by Rachel. The motion carried by the following votes:*

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Rachel Holm, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Ali Teesdale, Matthew Weiss
 - No: (none.)
- c. Discussion on "Public Listening Session for Disabilities in the Workforce"
 - i. Matt: Will postpone discussion until a later date because the event will occur during the fall.
 - d. Discussion on "News Line" coming to South Dakota
 - i. Izzy: Will e-mail Matt guidelines from the National Federation of the Blind for how to get people to sign up, so that we can amplify on social media.
 - e. Discussion on "Public Listening Session for Parents with Children with Disabilities" (or vice versa)
 - i. Matt: Will postpone discussion until a later date because the event will occur during the fall.
 - f. Brookings Community Band Concert - Ice Cream Sponsor
 - i. Matt: Confirmed that we are sponsoring the community band concert on the last event date, July 17.
 - ii. Rachel: Asked about the storage location for the ice cream once it is purchased, as that has been a pain point in the past.
 - 1. Susan: Will ask Kristen if it can be stored at a county location.
 - iii. Matt: Discussed who will take care of the ice cream purchasing process; Aysia and Matt volunteered to take care of that, and Matt will follow-up with an e-mail to check on participation.
 - iv. Aysia: Inquired with her father-in-law about current ice cream tub pricing and he will check with Monica, who runs the Dairy Bar.

*A motion to approve conservative estimate of **\$800** budget for this event (for ice cream cost, same quantity as last year) was made by Jon, seconded by Izzy. The motion carried by the following votes:*

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Rachel Holm, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Ali Teesdale, Matthew Weiss
- No: (none.)

g. Work Plan Review and Discussion of Upcoming Events

- i. Matt: No further discussion at this time.

h. Other ideas for Q2 Awareness Events

- i. Matt: No further discussion at this time.

8. Subcommittee/Task Force Updates:

a. Marketing Subcommittee

- Mark: Did not yet have a chance to meet as a task force.
- Aysia: Requested we amplify disability arts event for children on the Disability Awareness Committee social media.

b. Accessibility Task Force

- No updates at this time.

c. Work Plan Task Force (Jon, Carol, Alyssa)

- No updates at this time.

9. Other Items:

a. Discussion on "Information Place" for new Brookings residents

- Charlie: Is still investigating.

b. Discussion on educational opportunity on available accessible housing issue

- Matt: Met with Mark and Aysia. Would have liked to have reviewed this at today's meeting, however, time is short.
- Aysia: Summarized that we will assess the flow for people who are seeking housing assistance, then update our "resources link" tab on our website.
- Matt: Clarified that draft will be proposed before updates are made.

A motion to approve pursuing updating the resources link tab on our Disability Awareness Committee webpage was made by Carol, seconded by Izzy. The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Rachel Holm, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Ali Teesdale, Matthew Weiss
- No: (none.)

- c. Discussion on April news release pertaining to assault of a person with disability
 - Aysia: Updated that she contacted Walmart (where the assault occurred, of an employee), however the responsible party
- d. Discussion on gathering of partner organization list
 - Jon: Has a working list of partner organizations, but would like some assistance in reviewing; Aysia and Carol agreed to review the list. Jon will follow-up via e-mail.
- e. Update on BATA presence at Downtown at Sundown
 - Matt: Already covered earlier on in the meeting, that BATA is not willing to provide extended coverage.
- f. Next meeting date & format
 - **June 23, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.** Hybrid attendance is still an option.

10. Announcements

- No updates at this time.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rachel, seconded by Aysia. The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Jenny Grendler, Rachel Holm, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Ali Teesdale, Matthew Weiss
- No: (None.)

Adjournment at **13:11 p.m.**

Submitted by Aysia Platte, Recorder