

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee

Date: June 23, 2022

Hybrid Zoom and in-person

Brookings City and County Government Center

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Attendance: Izzy Collazo, Jenny Grendler, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Matthew Weiss

SDSU Student: Emma Nusrat Qurashi* (left at 1:00 p.m.)

SDSU Liaison: Vacant

County ADA Coordinator: Kristen Witchey

City ADA Coordinator: Susan Rotert (in attendance)

Absent: Rachel Holm, Michelle Johnson, Ali Teesdale

Guests: Charlene (Charlie) Ward

1. The meeting was called to order at **12:00 p.m.**

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda and minutes was made by Carol, seconded by Jenny.

The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Jenny Grendler, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Emma Nusrat Qurashi, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Matthew Weiss
- No: (none.)

3. Approval of minutes

- Aysia: Submitted revised minutes, deleting Jenny's name from attendees list.

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

The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Jenny Grendler, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Emma Nusrat Qurashi, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Matthew Weiss
- No: (none.)

4. Recognition of service to the committee - Brianna Doran

- Matt: Presented certificate of appreciation to Brianna.

5. Budget

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

6. Officer Updates:

a. **Chair**

- Matt: Has joined the community band and will be playing (not volunteering) during the event later in July.

b. **Vice Chair**

- No updates at this time.

c. **Recorder**

- No updates at this time.

d. **Publicity coordinator**

- Mark: Suggested putting collaboration with BATA on hold until a new director is officially hired.
- Mark: Proposed (per advice from city manager Paul) to come with specific questions to ask of the new director.
- Mark: Reported that a sale is running through the weekend on the website for the cookies we intend to buy for the community band event (15% off and free shipping).

A motion to approve \$450 and order cookies was made by Aysia, seconded by Izzy.

The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Jenny Grendler, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Emma Nusrat Qurashi, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Matthew Weiss
- No: (none.)

e. **City ADA coordinator**

- Susan: Shared applications for two applicants for one vacant position (Ramona Kauk, MS, CRC, CESP Young Adult Transitions Instructor from [Advance](#) and Lynda Venhuizen from [SDSU](#)).
 - Carol: Has positive experiences with Ramona through YAT with her son.
 - Charlie: Also has worked with Ramona and thinks she would be a good fit.
 - Izzy: Interested in Lynda's background working with young children.
 - Jenny: Asked if Lynda would be eligible for the SDSU liaison position.

- Mark: Is meeting with Barry Dunn next week and will discuss SDSU ADA Coordinator position, among other issues.

A motion to accept Ramona as a member was made by Carol, seconded by Emma. The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Jenny Grendler, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Emma Nusrat Qurashi, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Matthew Weiss
- No: (none.)
- Susan: Will send out statements related to Equal Opportunity and ADA policies for the city, and we can suggest changes before they go to the city's lawyer Steve.
 - Matt: Clarified that feedback should be provided by next month's meeting.

f. County ADA coordinator

- Susan: Mentioned that Kristin is unable to attend on Thursdays, but could attend on Friday.
 - Aysia: Asked if we need to reevaluate meeting time, and will collaborate with Susan to make a Doodle Poll with new day/time options.

g. SDSU Liaison

- No updates at this time.

h. Human Rights Commission Liaison

- Charlie: Thanked everyone who participated in Pride and Juneteenth, and requested that any public feedback (positive or negative) would be forwarded to the Human Rights Commission.
- Charlie: Reminded about the [Common Read events](#), starting in August and continuing into fall.

7. Events/Public Promotions:

- July 17th - Brookings Community Band Concert - Ice Cream Sponsor
 - Matt: Recalled last year, that we had a banner for our table and spoke prior to the event.
 - Carol: Volunteered to serve ice cream at the event.
 - Emma: Volunteered to serve ice cream at the event.
 - Jon: Volunteered to serve ice cream at the event.
 - Aysia: Volunteered to serve ice cream at the event.
- July 26th – ADA Anniversary Day Mayoral Proclamation (Draft Review)

- i. Matt: Asked us to review mayoral proclamation for ADA Day.
- ii. Mark: Will attend city council meeting on Tuesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion to add alternating language to reflect both identifier-first and person-first language in the mayoral proclamation was made by Izzy, seconded by Aysia. The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Jenny Grendler, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Emma Nusrat Qurashi, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Matthew Weiss
- No: (none.)

c. Date TBD - "Day for Disabled Kids" at Creative Space Studio on Main

- i. Aysia: Need to choose date.
- ii. Izzy: Will be out of town until August 18.
- iii. Jenny: Suggested Saturday, August 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- iv. Susan: Will need invoice from Brittany at The Creative Space Studio.
- v. Izzy: Is meeting with Brittany later this week and will confirm day/time and get invoice.

d. "News Line" coming to South Dakota

- i. Izzy: Reached out to a friend who knows about the process but has not received updates yet.

e. Date TBD – Begin Discussion on Mayor's Awards 2022

- i. Susan: Reported that Bonnie said this coming year's event will be Thursday, December 1.
- ii. Matt: Inquired about public solicitation of award recipients.
- iii. Carol: Volunteered to collaborate on tasks.

f. Tabled - "Public Listening Session for Parents of Disabled Children" (or vice versa)

g. Tabled - "Public Listening Session for Disabilities in the Workforce"

8. Subcommittee/Task Force Updates:

a. Marketing Subcommittee

- Mark: Summarized discussion about potentially starting a new campaign (besides "What if it was me?") for awareness.
- Mark: Proposed sharing tokens with Rachel to use with clients at work.

A motion to give 60 tokens to Rachel for use with clients was made by Aysia, seconded by Jenny. The motion carried by the following votes:

- Yes: Izzy Collazo, Jenny Grendler, Carol Jung, Aysia Platte, Emma Nusrat Qurashi, Jon Stauff, Mark Sternhagen, Matthew Weiss
- No: (none.)

b. Accessibility Task Force

- No updates at this time.

c. Work Plan Task Force

- No updates at this time.

9. Other Items:

a. "Information Place" for new Brookings residents

- i. Charlie: HRC has passed this on to BEDC/Chamber of Commerce, so we can strike this from the agenda going forward.

b. Website Updates on Available Accessible Housing issue

- i. Matt: Suggested postponing until a future meeting, although the subcommittee did meet and is working on an approach.

c. Gathering of Partner Organization List

- i. Aysia: Suggested e-mail collaboration to follow-up on initial list sent out by Jon.

d. BATA presence at organized events

- i. Matt: Noted that Mark addressed this earlier in the meeting.

e. Next meeting date & format

- i. **July 28, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.** Hybrid attendance is still an option.

10. Announcements

- Izzy: Reminded that October 15 (White Cane Awareness Day) is coming up soon.

11. Adjournment

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

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

Adjournment at **1:05 p.m.**

Submitted by Aysia Platte, Recorder