

Mayor's Committee on Disabilities Minutes – October 9, 2012

Present: Mayor Terry Bellamy, Karen Keating, Bryce Gilbert, Eva Reynolds, Christine Smith, Ashley Edmonds, Mikki Lewis, Alyssa Scott, Linda McDaniel, Linda Murphy, Mark Case, Mark Matheny

Absent: Florence Bannon, Jared Merrill

- Before Mayor Bellamy arrived, a general discussion was held about parking difficulties in the city, building membership for the committee, awards to businesses in the community who uphold the mission of the ADA, and the need for a focus for the group.
- After the Mayor arrived, Karen explained that we felt that the committee needed her direction and talks began about how to reach the goals of the group. The Mayor said that she would check in to the matter of the budget and how that money could be used.
- Mayor Bellamy also stated that we are not a policy or governing committee, but a non-partisan advisory one.
- Raising community awareness of the needs of the disabled community was emphasized. This could be done by inviting the APD and the Sheriff's Department to a meeting, and sending out letters to other organizations inviting them to send a representative as well as our looking in to what other committees should have a Disabilities Committee present.
- Membership process, applications and criteria were discussed.
- **The meeting day and time of the Committee was changed from the second Tuesday of the month to the first Tuesday. Next meeting 10 a.m., Tuesday, November 6 at the Charlotte Street offices. This day and time may be changed again depending on the availability of members.**
- The main discussion then moved to the revision of the bylaws. A draft was sent to the Mayor on October 23 for clarification on a couple of issues. A copy of the first draft is attached. *This draft has not been finalized.* A nominating committee was formed to fill the officer's positions for the next year. There are openings for a Vice President and Secretary.
- For the committee to be effective, assignments were handed out for the attending members to bring information to the next meeting.
- Karen and Eva will follow up on Mayor Bellamy's radio show for increasing awareness. Karen said that brochures would not be revised until the next meeting. Other future resources and materials will be reviewed as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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