

**Metro Area Mayor's Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Location: Fryn' Pan, Main Avenue, Fargo
December 14, 2006**

Present: Laura Eberhardt, Tammy Stuart, Tom Thompson, Ron Sandness, Jeannie Krull, Vicky Bogart, Mark Breitbach, Stephanie Sheets, Brenda Koppy, Paula Aalgaard, Chuck Stebbins, Mary Beth Collier, Dan Mahli, Jen Erickson

Co-Chairs Presiding: Tammy Stuart and Dan Mahli

Chuck S. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November, and Ron S. provided the second. Motion passed.

The Awards Banquet was added to today's agenda. Dan M. made a motion to approve the revised agenda, and Tom T. provided a second to the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Breitbach

Checking: \$5,533.20
GT Grant: \$3,461.93
Savings: \$1,209.28
Total: \$10,204.41
Deposits: 0

Mark indicated a bill has been paid to Terry Romine for \$300.00 to develop a new website for the MAMC. The web address is www.mamc.us and should be ready to preview soon if not today.

The grant application for a consumer's bike for \$200.00 has been processed. No further grant applications are pending at this time.

Awards Banquet

Committee members are reminded that the Awards Banquet is scheduled to take place on April 5, 2007. The committee agreed that Dan Michaels would be a good choice for Master of Ceremony again. The Educator/Teacher award has been added to existing recognitions.

Tom S. reported that one nomination has been submitted for the Distinguished Service Award and encouraged members to submit nominations for the various award categories.

It will be important to dialogue about menu options, and Tom recommended that dialogue take place at January's meeting.

MAMC website update

The work-for-hire contract has been completed. Hosting of the new website will run an estimated \$100.00 per year. Jen E. will send meeting minutes to Terry to upload to the new website.

MAMC by-laws

A subcommittee was formed to evaluate the current MAMC by-laws and a proposal for revisions will follow sometime in the next few months. A more specific timeline will follow once the committee has an opportunity to meet to determine the amount of work involved in making revisions. The committee will report back next month on the status of this venture. Paula A. proposed that by-laws be reviewed each year at or before the annual meeting when officers are elected.

The by-laws subcommittee includes:

Chuck Stebbins – Chair
Paula Aalgaard
Mary Beth Collier

C.O.P.P.S

The RFP submitted to the F-M Leadership program was approved so a team will be assigned to work on creating informational packets to distribute to businesses regarding accessible parking compliance.

Tom T. indicated that he met with Chief Keith Ternes, Ron Strand – City Attorney, Patty Roscoe- Assistant City Attorney, and Janet Stoll – Community Service Officer, regarding accessible parking enforcement.

Tom indicated property owners who receive notification letters regarding parking noncompliance will have 60 days to come into compliance. If violations remain after 60 days, the property owners' information will be forwarded to the attorney's office and will go through Municipal Court. Citations will be processed through the Department of Inspections.

There was dialogue about the prospect of not having parking violations processed through Municipal Court due to the length of time it generally takes for processing to occur. The alternative would be to have violations processed through an Administrative Hearing Committee. Tom T. indicated the city ordinance would need to be changed in order for this to be an option. As dialogue concluded, no formal changes are being recommended to move this out of Municipal Court at this time.

There was dialogue about providing an incentive (\$25.00, paying the cost of a parking indicator sign etc.) to facilitate parking compliance; however, the committee did not move forward with this suggestion. There were also comments about businesses needing to comply with current legislation (incentive or not) to provide needed accessibility.

Additional Items

Tammy S. represented the MAMC at the Town Hall Meeting/Panel regarding Employment of Persons with Disabilities. Persons in attendance indicated that a lot of good information was exchanged and it was suggested that this program be made available to show to a broader audience. Stephanie S. indicated the meeting will air on channel 12 on the following dates/times:

- January 11 – 8:00 pm
- January 17 – 8:30 am
- January 18 – 8:00 am
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Kathy Coyle was the moderator and about 25 people were in attendance.

Announcements

- Tammy S. indicated that MAMC received a "Thank you" from the Diversity Expo. Committee for the committee's participation in this event.
- Chuck S. announced the upcoming Human Services Forum at the YWCA on South University from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on December 27th
 - Consumers will give 5-8 minutes of testimony; however, no specific bills will be introduced. Attendees will be given the opportunity to sign a people-first pledge.

Free Lunch Drawing – Tom Thompson

Respectfully,
Jen Erickson