



**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 6, 2011**

Attendance: Kris Housel, Jade Miller, John Sears, Tyler Youngren, Debbie Demmel, Larry McDermott

Absent:

City Staff: Doug Clark,

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: The September 2011 minutes were approved with a typo correction in item 4C.

2. New Business:

If someone has an issue or topic to discuss, please get it on the agenda for the day and not so many side bar discussions going on during the meeting.

Nominations were made and passed to vote for the Chair and Co-chair.

John Sears was elected chair of the Commission and Kris Housel was elected vice chair.

The Commission would like some information/education on board development. They would like to have a better idea on how to run their meetings and exactly what the responsibilities of a Commission are.

3. Old Business:

Dance – 80 people attended the dance. The board was somewhat disappointed that more of the general public didn't attend. They would like to see about holding it at the 4-H building next year so they could have food in the same room as the dance. Once again, too much food. Also the Commission needs to be careful about asking the same businesses for donations year after year. The Commission needs to become more involved in some of the decision making processes, i.e. how much food to have, in regards to the dance.

Forum – Still looking at next spring. Still debating on whether to have a panel discussion or breakouts, where to have it, and when. Larry and Jade will conference with Julie Risken who has legislative contacts and is familiar with current ADA issues.

4. Committee reports:

- a. Transportation (John Sears):

- i. Still working on the expansion of the Red Route. Possible additional funding from the 2012 budget process. Did not have a quorum at the last meeting.

- b. Education (Jade Miller):

- i. Jade commented that he needs more members for his committee and also a time/place to meet. It was suggested that he contact the Rec Center front desk to see if there was a room available to use.

- c. Employment (Kris Housel):

- i. Due to a scheduling error, Kris did not present at the District 6's "Business before Hours" meeting. He has re-scheduled to this month.

- d. Recreation (Larry McDermott):
  - i. Larry has spoken with Andy McDermott about ideas for the future and possible partnership with other organizations within the City. The meeting was conceptual in nature with simply an exchange of ideas.
- e. PR/Media (Tyler Youngren):
  - i. Everything went well in regards to the dance.

Future agenda items:

- Continuation of the forum plans
- Commission training

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.