

# **MILTON DISABILITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE (MDAC)**

Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Conference Room, Milton City Hall

Attendees: Ann Coggins, Tib Holland, Gary Arnold, Van Black, Laura York, Sharon Lockwood, Tami Black, Melissa Henderson, Sudie Gordon

Welcome and Introductions

Updates:

## Report on Concrete Change Community – Stepless Entry

- Ann
  - Eleanor Smith chairs “stepless” (Zero Step) community concept and shared information with Ann.
  - Located in DeKalb County/Decatur area.
  - Passed out Visit-Able Homes, Visit-Able Communities Sheet.
  - Passed around sign-in sheet for MDAC group to visit community.
  - [www.concretechange.org](http://www.concretechange.org) - website address.
- Laura
  - Volunteered to organize the trip to the Concrete Change Community.

## ABCD Workshop

- Ann
  - Being held May 19-20, 2010 in Warner Robins, GA.
  - Includes hotel and meals in fee.
  - Caitlyn would like to know attendees names by May 19, 2010.
  - MDAC would like to invite from Milton, the Mayor, City Manager, Community Development Director, Councilmembers

## Brainstorming on Building ADA Accessible Homes in Milton

- Process to begin by Mayor and Councils’ awareness starting with Community and Development Department and then education at Council work session.
- No exclusion and no ordinance. Move the desired changes into an existing ordinance. You will have to amend what you have and get the ordinance approved.
- Make ordinance about accessibility for everyone.

## AAD (All About Disabilities)

- Ann

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- Invited to Heart of Gold Fundraiser/Awards and Legacy Breakfast.
- Handed out raffle tickets for AAD fundraiser.

Navigator Teams

- Ann
  - Help families with resources and services to navigate families through the government services available such as healthcare.
  - Usually one team per county but Fulton County desires, north and south.
  - Working on beginning a navigator team started in Milton.
  - Working on inviting a speaker to come an MDAC meeting to provide more information on Navigator Teams.
  - Navigator Team role:
    - ✓ Provide point of contact for information;
    - ✓ Become familiar with resources in the community;
    - ✓ Access web-base resource information for families using parent-to-parent road maps to services and database;
    - ✓ Provide local resource information to be added to the database;
    - ✓ Reach out to families in the county who are underserved;
    - ✓ Link families with both formal and informal support based on their needs;
    - ✓ Identify issues that are concerns in the local community;
    - ✓ Listen to family concerns and provide information about topics of interest;
    - ✓ Make sure families are known in the local communities.
  - Invite families in the community to listen to the presentation to be a part of the navigator teams.
  - Plan to have a speaker for the May MDAC meeting.

Nick Vujicic Video: Changing Lives

- Ann
  - Trying to get Nick Vujicic to Milton to meet with MDAC in June.
  - Nick will be in Stone Mountain in June.

Merchant Ed Committee

- Ann
  - Suggested a Webinar for Merchant Ed Committee.
  - Bill Lusk is helping get information and get on the Agenda for the Merchant Ed Committee.
- Van
  - Lauren Holmes is the main point for contact.
  - Will contact Lauren to get on the April agenda for the Merchant Ed Committee.
  - Laura will contact Bill Lusk and Attorney Dale Jackson.
- Laura
  - Elenore - organize a trip and invite Lynn Tully, Mayor, Council, and Carter Lucas. Possible Date – May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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MDAC Jr.

- MDAC Jr. to attend May MDAC meeting.
- Invite Juniors from Roswell High School to MDAC meeting.
- Jessie - (Van's daughter) will write a mission statement for MDAC Jr. Working on receiving support from Principal of Milton High for MDAC Jr.

Waddie Welcome

- Ann
  - Readings of *Waddie Welcome* book across the United States.
  - Talked to the author of *Waddie Welcome* meeting about doing a presentation in Milton.
  - *Waddie Welcome* book is about an extraordinary man put into a hospital away from all family. The community comes together to support Waddie and help him in the community.
  - Reading of the book will be held in Savannah.
  - Reading across the nation will be held on Martin Luther King Day in January 2011.
  - Working on possibly having the author come to MDAC in Milton.

**Summary of Action Items**

LAURA

- Organize trip for Merchant Ed Communities and invite Lynn Tully, Mayor, Council, and Carter Lucas. The 3<sup>rd</sup> of May possibly.
- Volunteered to organize the trip to the Concrete Change Community.

ANN

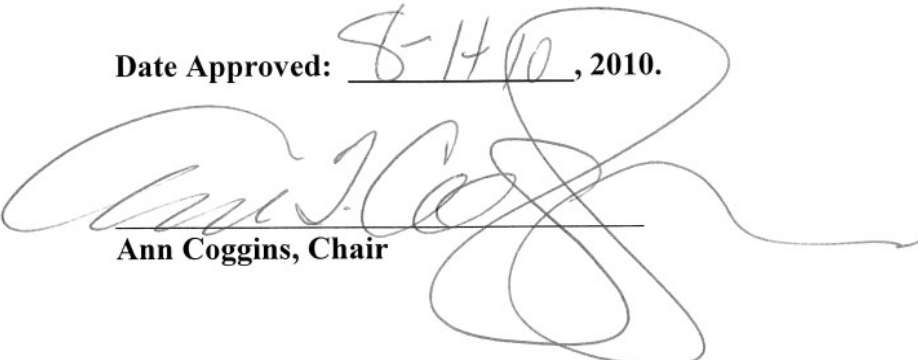
- Let us know at what point the MDAC should be involved with Parks & Recreation activities.
- Trying to get Nick Vujicic to Milton to meet with MDAC in June.
- Working on possibly having the author of *Waddie Welcome* come to an MDAC meeting.

VAN

- Will contact Lauren Holmes to get on the April agenda for the Merchant Ed Committee.

After no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Date Approved: 8-14-10, 2010.

  
Ann Coggins, Chair