

MILTON DISABILITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE (MDAC)

Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Conference Room, Milton City Hall

Attendees: Ann Coggins, Tib Holland, Sharon Lockwood, Tami Black, Julie Bell, Andrew Phillips, Renee Cantanzaro, and Sudie Gordon

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of the June 30, 2010 Minutes

- Ann
 - Minutes approved.

HB 1338 Discussion

- Ann
 - Pursuant to new House Bill 1338, as of July 1, 2010: it is no longer a requirement of the bill to be a person with a disability in order to issue citations for illegally parking in accessible parking spaces.
- Andrew
 - We're going to try it and see how it goes.
 - We will issue ticket books to members of the Council and to members of MDAC.
 - There are numbers that correspond for tracking to see who is writing the tickets.
 - Any time you are acting in a law enforcement capacity you have to understand there are some dangers.
 - There is a reason that we wear vests and carry guns.
 - Anytime a certified officer has to show probable cause for the case.
 - I don't know what will happen if someone tries to fight one of these tickets.
 - Look at this as more of education for our citizens.
 - If you take a picture where you can see the sign, tag, and car you have probable cause.
 - The tickets are self explanatory with the fields that need to be filled in.
 - The fine is \$358 for an illegally parked car in a handicapped spot.
 - If someone wants to fight this and refuse to pay it, we would actually have to civilly sue them for the balance of their tickets.
 - We would only have a few books to sign out for MDAC to try them out.
 - The hash mark parking is also illegal.
 - These books have not been used as a "warning" ticket.
 - If you want to sign out the ticket books, you can contact Andrew.
 - If you have any questions, contact Andrew.
 - Discussion on possible discount on drivers insurance if citizens take the police citizens academy.
 - Ann to meet with Nick O'Day to get GIS for map of Milton.

Awareness Monthly Meeting

- Ann
 - Decide frequency of meetings.
 - contact unsuccessful with Laura about her suggested presenter
 - meetings to create interest, awareness, and connect citizens
 - offer opportunities to promote Milton businesses
 - include Q and A session
 - vary topics to gain interest

2010 Directory of Community Associations

- Offer opportunities to merchants to advertise and support funding the directory.
- Obtain costs estimate for printing.
- promoting merchants as welcoming and MDAC approval
- Consider respite programs families.
- Training opportunities for providers.
- include adoption support groups

20th Anniversary of ADA Proclamation

- Ann
 - Proud that our city choose to participate.
 - It was a lot of fun to be involved in the 2010 in 2010 project, an effort to gain 2010 proclamations in 2010.

NAMI

- Ann
 - CIT Training

Transportation Planning

- Julie Bell, Career Specialist with Briggs & Associates (Juliebell@windstream.net)
 - Able to secure employment but transportation is an issue
 - Marta is cutting back lines.
 - Can this committee talk to the transportation group?
 - 12 people live in Milton and are working or involved with Community Access and the biggest obstacle is transportation.
 - Secured contract for \$14 a day instead of \$25 one way to work.
 - To explore the Marta connection.
 - St. Thomas Aquinos on Rucker Rd. has a transportation ministry.
 - Marta by law is only required to serve $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile off of the main route.
 - Cherokee Co. CATS was started through a grant.
 - Cherokee Co. has a day training center, nursing home, and senior's center which helps with rural transportation.
 - access to trans. only between 10a.m. and 1p.m.
 - request an adjustment based on need.
 - If Marta made themselves more available it would be better.

- Ann

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Need members from this committee to work with them and discuss needs of citizens

- Need active members to support this
- Sudie
 - I think Kimley-Horne and Associates would be valuable to touch on North Fulton Transportation.
 - Contact Carter Lucas to find more information.
 - Matt Marietta writes the grants for the City of Milton.
- Tib
 - Appeal to employers for a Corporate matching grant.
 - It can be for the fee for the annual fee and work out a smaller amount for the employee.
 - Two things- 1.) Corporations will do National grants; 2.) employees of the specific branch make donation through paycheck deductions.
 - Write the corporation to say we need the money for this route.
 - Target is the largest corporate philanthropy.
 - company can write it off.

New name ideas for the community awareness group

- Community Awareness Sessions
- Community Connections
- Connecting Communities
- CAN- Community Awareness Networks
- Community Awareness Productivity
- "Milton CAN"- to be voted on
- need active MDAC members to support this effort

Replacing Ann In MDAC

- Ann
 - stepping down as chair of MDAC
 - MDAC should begin search for new committee chair
 - formally working as community organizer

- Renee
 - I think Laura should be the one to take the chair.
 - I don't see any reason you can't stay on board with MDAC.

Birmingham Park Accessibility

- Renee
 - We are at the point where we still can't do anything.
 - They are still in the planning process.
 - We have been told that it will be accessible.
 - The grant money at the park was supposed to be used for new restrooms.
 - I don't know if we can find out whatever happened to the grant money.
 - Contacting Cyndee Bonacci for an update about Bell Memorial and Birmingham.

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- Will provide written recommendation from MDAC to address parks and rec. programs

Safe Routes to School

- Ann
 - Milton received funds through Safe Routes to School Grant providing sidewalks.

After no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Date Approved: _____, 2010.

Ann Coggins, Chair