



Milton Disability Awareness Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2014

**Committee Members In Attendance:** Van Black, Ken Woods, Tass Welch, Renee Catanzaro, Dudley Arnold and Paul Schiell

**MDAC Liaison:** Sudie Gordon

**Guests in Attendance:** Nancy Lee Woolf and Sue Sharp

Tass Welch called the meeting to order and Van Black seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Committee members reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from January 8, 2014. Ken Woods made the motion to approve the minutes and Renee Catanzaro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

**New Business:**

- Nancy gave us a brief introduction on herself. She is a real estate appraiser and is involved with Better Together. Nancy and her husband have five children.
- Renee gave Nancy a brief description on how MDAC began and how the committee has evolved over the last several years.
- Committee members then began discussing the Business Owner Packet.
- Ken took the floor first discussing this and talked about some revisions that have been made and the overall packet layout.
- The packet was created for merchants doing business with the City of Milton.
- It contains information regarding ADA compliance, licensing, permitting and several other topics.
- Ken made some wording edits and updated some of the URL links on some of the lengthy topics in the packet.
- Van then proposed the issue of how MDAC is to start dispersing the packet.
- The City of Milton could give merchants the packet when they come in to get a business license or renew their business licenses.
- Better Together is also willing to help MDAC get the packets out to merchants and other members of the Milton community.
- The committee then discussed the importance of People First Language in the packet.
- MDAC members then discussed the MDAC booth for the Earth Day Event, which will include Hearing, vision and wheelchair sections.

- Van is planning to chair the wheelchair part of the booth and Paul will chair the hearing segment of the booth.
- One thing the committee needs to figure out is how the wheelchair obstacle course will be structured.
- We will have MDAC info cards to hand out at the event.
- This event will be a great way for MDAC to get in front of members of the community and spread awareness on the organization.
- Van was planning to visit the park and get a better feel for its layout.
- The hours for the Earth Day event are 11am- 3pm on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The City of Milton puts on 13 community events per year. MDAC wants to attempt to have a tent at as many of those events as possible.
- Canine Assistants will have two dogs present at the Earth Day tent.
- A special service was held for MDAC and Better Together on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Community of Christ church.
- Paul was able to speak to the congregation and gave a great synopsis on MDAC and things that are often taken for granted.
- Wayne Boston (Better Together) also addressed the congregation to discuss Better Together and its involvement in the City of Milton.
- Tass stated that her congregation was excited to learn more about MDAC and what the committee is doing.
- Sue Sharp then introduced herself to the members of MDAC. She and her husband own a wheelchair and wheelchair accessory store. Sue is interested in learning more about MDAC.
- The committee gave Sue a rundown on how MDAC operates and functions.

Tass Welch moved to adjourn the meeting. Renee Catanzaro motioned to adjourn and Van Black seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

Minutes Submitted By: Dudley Arnold

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Tass Welch, MDAC Chair