

Mooresville Mayor's Council for Individuals with Disabilities
Meeting Minutes

May 27th, 2014
War Memorial
4:30pm to 7:00pm

Attendees: Mayor Atkins, Laura Hall, Laurie Moore-Fischer, Dr. Sandra Houston, Jean Foster, Janie Compton, Larry Nosker, George Gately, Isaac Gately, Janel Swearingen-Ruiz, Lauren Johnson, Scott Johnson, Rhonda McClenahan, Marti Hill, Chrissy Nosetine, Nicole Greer.

Absent: Lynn Martin

I. Call to order - 4:30 pm by Laura Hall, Council Chair

II. Strategic Planning Coaching Session by Nicole Greer

- Budget Request submitted to ToM for a budget for 2014-2015 constructed at Officer's Meeting on April 15th, 2014.
- Committee Chairs to address UNCC Report bullets using Strategic Planning Form
- Request for Special Needs Ball funds from ToM explained by Laurie Fischer and then used as an example to illustrate process by Nicole Greer.
- Laurie Moore-Fischer presents idea request for Special Needs Ball in budget request.
- Liaison Process Form (Request to Advise) to be paired with documentation supporting request and submitted to ToM via Lisa Hammond.
- Larry Nosker requests more information regarding the mirroring of the budget request process with other ToM Committees from Nicole Greer.
- Council discusses clarification on process of the Liaison Process Form and approval/declination of requests made with the form. Form will provide a transparent, measurable, and trackable method for advisement and requests made by the Mayor's Council to the ToM.
- Laurie Moore-Fischer asks for clarification for whether or not approved/disapproved Liaison Process Forms will be accessible via 'Google Docs' or links on ToM website from Nicole Greer for archival and research by the public.
- Sandra Houston asks for clarification on relative autonomy of Mayor's Council in reference to the hiring of a grant writer for approx. \$5,000 out of requested Liaison Process Form monies.
- George Gately asks if any budget money is allocated for the needs of the special needs community in the ToM. Nicole Greer explains process for funds to be addressed to fill Liaison Process Form requests, but that there is no current fund allocated specifically towards the special needs community as a demographic.

- Larry Nosker asks for clarification of how long the total length of process time will be from submittal of request to have a decision returned by the ToM. Estimates range from 2-3 months if submitted prior to Officer's Meeting in the same month as meeting where LPF form is filled out.
- Sandra Houston questions need for a multiple part form in order to submit a request to the ToM as it may cause a loss of focus and momentum. Nicole Greer responds with an explanation of the forms use in the process. George Gately responds with a concern for the amount of time expended by volunteers in support of Council requests at this time prior to the form's adoption by the Council and his concern that it will increase the time burden on Council members that may already be expending more time than originally committed to.
- Mayor Atkins describes the commitment of the ToM to individuals with disabilities, and the relative gains in efficiency and empowerment by using Nicole Greer's forms and processes to date, and recommends their use by the Council.
- Laurie Moore-Fischer notes that the document is a living document that the Council can tweak, streamline, and manipulate to better serve their needs but could serve as a starting point for request submittals to start now, and provides a second avenue to fund needed improvement not addressed in requested budget from appropriate TOM departments.

III. Public Awareness

- a. Presentation
- b. "Walk This Way" Video
- c. Questions/Comments

IV. Public Comment

- o Paulette
 - Brevard Program Model
 - Self sustaining community for individuals with challenges
 - Bakery, shops, agriculture

IV. Adjournment

Laura Hall called for adjournment at 6:00pm, motion Laurie Moore-Fischer, Dr. Sandra Houston seconds, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Moore-Fischer
Secretary