

DISABILITY AND AGING BOARD FOR INDEPENDENCE

January 31, 2018 Agenda

Historical review for the merger of disability and aging populations:

Disability Services Board and Commission on the Aging

Sampling of activities and programs include:

- . Maintaining a close, cooperative contact with the city's Department of Building and Zoning to advocate for or resolve ADA access issues,
- Advocating for the need of affordable, accessible public transportation in the late 70's and early 80's
- Coordinating a noon meal program for disabled under age 60
- Arranging for speakers on special topics and needs for the various disabilities and aging populations
- Arranging for health fairs regarding services, community resources and assistive technology
- Recruiting residents to do telephone surveys
- Maintaining and issuing used medical equipment for those in need
- Writing articles in local newspaper
- Coordinating efforts for the accessible fishing pier, Ridgeview Park
- Community awareness and enforcement of handicapped parking
- Recognizing ADA accessible business with special city seals
- Being appointed to local city and community boards (CATS, Safety, VPAS)
- Re-evaluating and amending the income threshold for city property tax Exemption for low income and senior residents

Review current DABI mission

... . DABI shall meet as needed to assess, evaluate, and recommend to City Council needs and resources relative to seniors and those with disabilities. They shall be responsible for initiating and supporting efforts to increase the visibility of these residents in the community, including them in the life of the city and for recognizing their contributions to the community. The City Council will appoint nine (9) members: three representing the senior population; three representing persons with disabilities; and three representing agencies, businesses, or non-profits.

Recognize current membership

Representatives of agency/business/non-profit services to individuals with disabilities and seniors (City residence not required):

Jacqueline Horton

James Hall

Marie Overstreet

Representatives of residents with disabilities (City residency required):

Sasha Duke

Donna Lee Atkins

William Quay

Representatives of senior residents (City residency required):

Jeanie McCutcheon

Recognize need for future appointments

Two to represent seniors

Elect officers

Set a meeting schedule: Dates, time, place

Set meeting agenda/objectives

Possible considerations might include:

- ... Issues re learning more about community needs
 - ADA issues
 - Senior services
 - Adult Protective Services for scams and senior abuse/neglect
 - Proposed Greenway access
 - Planning for: advanced medical directives, wills, trusts, funerals;
Info re HIPPA regulations and confidentiality
 - Attend Augusta Health *Lunch and Learn* programs
- ... Advocacy: Speakers, such as:
 - ... City Building and Zoning
 - ... City Parks and Recreation
 - ... BRITE (transportation)
 - ... Valley Program for Aging Services wellness programs