

Harrisburg Disability Awareness Commission Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2026

6 p.m., Harrisburg City Hall (301 E Willow St, Harrisburg, SD)

Attendees. Jim Nielsen, Kate Hamilton, Kristen Miller, Cheyenne Chontos (Library Director).

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting. December 2025 minutes.

Financial and statistical report update.

Public Input: (Comments limited to 10 minutes)

Unfinished Business:

Sensory Santa. Reviewed event and survey responses. One event note – it was helpful for Santa and Mrs. Claus to hand out the cookies to the attendees. Sensory Santa 2026 will be held Sunday, December 6 from 8:30 – 10:30, pending Mr./Mrs. Winkvist availability. Other possible sensory events could include:

- A sensory Easter egg hunt
- An AAC Storytime with Talk to Me Technologies
- Action Trackchair experience with the Outdoor Campus (<https://gfp.sd.gov/trackchair/>)

Award nomination stickers. Chontos will find where stickers were printed last year and order 4 nomination stickers for the 2025 nominated businesses on behalf of the DAC.

New Business:

Advertising for new DAC members. The DAC will post more details about the commission and the expectations of members on social media. Chontos will reach out to the Harrisburg Community Library Board to see if they have any recommendations for new commission members.

Reviewed playground accessibility slides.

Facebook access. Chontos will work with the social media team to add access to the Facebook page, as well as remove access for anyone no longer with the commission or City. Chontos will be added to Facebook page access.

Other:

Set Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 6pm at City Hall

Adjournment.