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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

5:00 PM

Room 108, City-County Building
(Parks conference room)
210 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: 7 -

Gary A. Weber; Joseph P. Kunz; Duane F. Hinz; William J. Tangney; Karla K. Smith; Joanne Wagner and Fayth E. Kail

Absent: 1 -

John D. Krull

1. Approval of Minutes - December 21, 2010

A motion was made by Tangney, seconded by Kunz, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. Public Comment - None

3. [21023](#) Disclosures and Recusals - None

4. Rescheduling the April 2011 Meeting

The meeting cannot be held April 19 or April 26. The meeting is cancelled unless there is a matter that must be acted on, in which case the meeting will be held on April 5.

5. Report by Madison Police Department representative Aileen Seymour regarding the operations of the Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council

As of December, there were 17 citations, 3 letters with warnings for access aisle areas, and one instance where the plate and description of vehicle did not match. Kail said she observed someone exiting a vehicle quickly, and suspected that they did not have a disability. Seymour responded that a note could be sent to PD to review for fraud after gathering as much information as possible with a description of the vehicle and occupant.

6. Discuss newspaper boxes, and other street furniture, that block access to stalls reserved for persons with disabilities. Putnam to report on inquiry with Dept. of Civil Rights regarding how the needs of the disabled community can be brought into the planning process

Putnam to report on discussion with Dept. of Civil Rights. Putnam will discuss with Cindy Wick and invite her to a meeting if it seems appropriate.

7. [20218](#)

Distribution list for Parking for Persons with Disabilities brochure

Weber and Kail have no additions at this time. Tangney said the contact at the VA hospital is the main switchboard number, a five digit extension and contact name is needed. Weber will check on this information. Keep item on agenda.

8. [19936](#)

PCFPWD Function- Discussion of task list

1. Federal Standards for providing parking for persons with disabilities on street.

Hinz had a discussion with a person working on the Federal standards; they hope to get at the item in February or March. They will be drafting new standards. Old regulations had been drafted ca. 1998, but there were so many comments that they were not put into final form. They plan to re-draft based on all of the comments, go through the same distribution and comment period, and then proceed. At this time, there are no standards and there is nothing for the PCFPWD to do until these standards are released.

2. Signing for parking with people with disabilities.

Building Inspection should approve signs after reviewing an installation. Hinz suggests leaving this on the list until the BI approval process is identified. Tangney wondered if there is a need for the words "this space". Other signs are all around town without this wording, and those are enforced. Seymour stated existing signs have been "grandfathered" but new signs must conform to the new regulations. Putnam will contact the City Attorney to inquire about the signage requirements per state statutes and city ordinance. Is there a conflict between city and state? Should there be changes to city ordinance? Putnam or Hinz will draft a memo asking for clarification. Niesen said that the Police Department uses state statutes rather than city ordinance for enforcement. Niesen said the judge has ruled on many occasions that the signs Madison uses are sufficient. Tangney asked how often do people take dis/vet citations to court, and how often do they win? Niesen replied she only keeps track of when a PEO is given a subpoena, in the past 10 years, only a handful have gone to a second court date. Possibly one every other year. But she does not have more specific data.

9. [20220](#)

Discussion of role and authority of street use staff commission, and Parking Utility policy to relocate Dis/Vet stalls during an event approved by the street use staff commission.

Tangney discussed how people could be made aware of disabled parking options, and where they could go park. Weber suggested taller signs so that a relocated dis stall could be seen more easily. Kunz stated that putting the sign where the stall is relocated isn't practical, and suggested that the location be listed in the event web site, such as Taste of Madison. Tangney asked if there were a few certain spots, hopefully on all four sides of the Square, that would be identified in the publicity for an event. This would be consistent for a large number of events. e.g. alternative disabled parking is located at x... location. Wagner stated the University of Wisconsin does not provide alternative parking during events. Hinz, in summary, asked Putnam whether there could be semi-permanent or permanent alternatives to disabled stalls that are

normally blocked off so that when one gets blocked off on MLK for example, an alternative would always be in Brayton Lot. Putnam stated that this is not a practical alternative due to each event being very unique in its needs. Each event is unique and there are different conditions, so the replacement stall is not guaranteed to be in the same location consistently. Tangney said he would like to be on record requesting reviewing whether there is some way to make standard alternative locations feasible. Keep item on agenda. Putnam will report on potential standard alternatives.

10. State legislative changes related to Dis/Vet parking (Status report by Hinz)

Hinz said legislation has again been drafted as it had been last year. Drafts have been circulated to other parties. No number is assigned to bill at this point, but it will be introduced shortly. Hinz asked whether they should consider adding something into the legislation about putting a code on the hang tag. We may see something in the proposed legislation about requiring a code on the hang tag. Hinz suggests that Niesen contact Christian (on CPD) to discuss. This item is to remain on future agendas

11. Federal guidelines regarding on-street parking requirements for Dis/Vet stalls (Status report by Hinz)

Hinz indicated there has been no action since the last meeting by the Federal Government requiring a certain number of on-street dis/vet stalls. This item is to remain on future agendas.

12. Other business for referral

13. Assignments

Putnam will contact Dept. of Civil Rights to inquire about ways to consider needs of disabled community when streets are designed. Putnam will contact City Attorney to find out what is required for signing parking stalls for persons with disabilities. Putnam will review potential standard alternative locations for disabled stalls during events. Niesen will contact Christian on CPD to discuss putting a code on hang tags.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Kail, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.