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## Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Tuesday, March 18, 2014

5:00 PM

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

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### Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** 4 - Gary A. Weber  
Joanne Wagner  
Joseph P. Kunz  
Fayth E. Kail

#### 1. Approval of Minutes - January 21, 2014

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

#### 2. Public Comment

**Registrants:** Dan Ross, former member of the DCEAP member, registered and spoke. Ross reviewed the July 23, 2013 minutes and stated that he did not feel that the PCFWD recommended dissolution of the DPEAC, but rather acknowledged the decision that had been made by the city to dissolve the DPEAC. Ross stated that he acknowledges that enforcement has improved in the downtown, but requested that the issue be put on a future agenda to discuss whether any member of the public who observes a parking violation in a Dis/Vet parking space can call the police for enforcement. Ross noted that he does not have time to join the PCFPWD.

#### 3. Disclosures and Recusals

None

#### 4. Discuss frequency of PCFPWD meetings.

Wagner stated that her preference is to continue meeting monthly. Kail said that people who are newly disabled perceive that everything is already accessible, so they do not see the need to work toward improving access. Kail stated that if people do not continue to work, the gains made may be lost.

#### 5. Wagner to report on result of discussion with Poulson regarding what other committees need members.

Wagner asked Poulson how he gets members to serve, and he replied that it is a serious problem. Poulson added that it is necessary to find people who are

committed and interested in the work. Wagner will try to find someone to serve on the PCFPWD.

**6. Discuss dissolution of Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council and letter that was mailed to members of DPEAC (see item 4 from the July 23, 2013 minutes).**

Kail said that as she understands it, anyone can make a phone call to report a violation and the police will arrive to issue a citation. Frequently, the violator drives away before the police have arrived. Kail observed numerous violations this winter, but did see much point in calling since it would take a while for police to arrive. Wagner was at Sports Medicine on the west side and parked in a space reserved for persons with disabilities. Someone without a disabled permit, parked over the access aisle, and Wagner contacted Parking Enforcement. Wagner waited for twenty minutes, and no Parking Enforcement Officer arrived during that time.

Weber stated that the PCFPWD was not involved in the decision to dissolve the DPEAC; they were just informed that the DPEAC would be dissolved. Kail stated that her understanding was that the City did not receive many reports from the DPEAC, so the cost of administration was excessive. Wagner said that although enforcement downtown is more effective, enforcement outside of the downtown area is not as effective.

Kunz said his understanding is that the PD did not want to pay a staff person to review reports and issue citations. Kail said it was frustrating to her that she could not write a report for the violations she saw, and added that the abuse of spaces reserved for Dis/Vet holders and access aisles will increase. Weber said that he reported a violation to mall security, who called the police, but it took 15 minutes for police to arrive. Kail said that store managers do not want their customers ticketed, so they are not inclined to report violations.

Kail feels that the community would want people involved to raise awareness. Kunz stated that he has seen many violations since he was no longer allowed to write reports. Kail read from the July 2013 minutes, and noted that the Police Department said DPEAC could be restarted in the future if conditions change. Kail asked what conditions determine whether the DPEAC would be restarted. The Police Department statement said that most violations they see are for people who have a Dis/Vet tag but did not display it.

Wagner suggested that PCFPWD issues a statement stating that PCFPWD members are observing violations, and that there is a need for the DPEAC. Kail said that one problem is that she and Kunz have reached the maximum time limit to serve. Kunz replied that the ordinance could be changed. Wagner said that the sentiment of the PCFPWD is that they are very upset; Weber replied that is an understatement. Weber said that the PCFPWD should send a letter to the Mayor, stating that the Commission is not in agreement with the decision for the PCFPWD to disband. This item will remain on future agendas.

**7. Committee members to present suggestions for potential new members of PCFPWD.**

Wagner said that she will put a piece in her neighborhood's newsletter to let residents know that there is a need for people to serve. Wagner will ask other people she knows to put a piece in their neighborhood newsletters as well. Weber said the Triangle has a newsletter. Kail asked that Putnam provide a

description of what the PCFPWD does, and mail this out to the committee members.

**8. Putnam to provide update on status of PSA.**

Putnam stated that he shared the PCFPWD's request with City Channel, and informed them that there is a lift-equipped van available for use when they are ready to shoot video. Putnam has not yet heard back from City Channel. This item will remain on future agendas.

**9. Discuss issue of snow being piled in Disabled stalls.**

The area around the square was cleared more effectively this winter than in previous years. This item will remain on future agendas.

**10. [20218](#) Distribution list for Parking for Persons with Disabilities brochure**

There are no new organizations to put on the list. Putnam will check on the existing supplies of brochures, and will bring a supply to distribute to members at the next meeting.

**11. Other business for referral.**

Wagner noticed that there are no disabled parking signs and only a few spaces with very faded paint in the Staples parking lot.

**12. Assignments**

PCFPWD members to solicit interest in new members to serve on the council. Putnam to report on supplies of existing brochures and provide description of what the PCFPWD does.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Kail, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.