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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

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 5:00 p.m.

Present: 4 - Gary A. Weber; Robert Van Kampen; Joseph P. Kunz and Fayth E. Kail

1. Approval of Minutes - May 26, 2015

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

2. Public Comment - None

3. Disclosures and Recusals - None

4. Representative from Mayor's Office and Madison Police Department to discuss concerns about dissolution of Disabled Parking Enforcement Council.

Kail stated that the PCFPWD is concerned that they are no longer able to write reports of violations. Weber stated that when he sees infractions, the violator has usually left by the time he calls and a PEO arrives. Kail said that it is her understanding that not many DPEAC members were reporting violations. Niesen stated that all City committees were reviewed to see how effective they were, so she looked at the data, and over the past five years there were fewer and fewer people on the DPEAC, with most people never writing a report. Reports that were submitted, were not always complete or had inaccurate license plate numbers recorded that came back as invalid. There was a lot of staff time involved in reviewing these reports, taking PEO's off the street, and resulting in fewer citations written than may have been written had the PEO been on the street.

Monks stated that the Mayor did ask for a review of committees city-wide. Niesen said that Kunz was the only person consistently sending in reports, and his term was up for serving on the DPEAC. Monks said that as a general rule, people can only serve up to ten (10) years on a particular committee. Weber said that in the past, he tried to educate people, but they would still abuse disabled parking. Kail said that she feels it is not a priority for the police to write citations for Dis/Vet stall violations. Kail stated that people who violate Dis/Vet stalls do not take it seriously since they rarely get a citation.

Niesen stated that regular Police Officers have calls that are prioritized. Parking Enforcement has two people assigned specifically to Dis/Vet violations. They catch typically 1-2 fraud cases per week. MPD cannot go on to private property unless requested by someone that lives there. Police officers do patrol, and officers do not like to see violations of Dis/Vet parking, and do write citations when they are able. Parking Enforcement takes calls on a first-come, first-served basis. They cannot catch every violation, but they do as many as they can. They write over 500 citations per year for Dis/Vet violations, however many people have a Dis/Vet tag but fail to display the permit, or they do not understand the access aisle restriction. Weber said he would like to be able to educate with the Dis/Vet flyers. Niesen said that they instructed DPEAC members to not confront a motorist, which could put them in harm's way. Also, it is important that a person not portray themselves as a police officer if they are not a police officer.

Putnam will check with the City Attorney's Office to determine if Dis/Vet brochures may be placed on a windshield by a PCFPWD member. Weber noted that a lot of disabled people do not park in a stall correctly. Niesen mentioned that one option that has been brought up, is for the PCFPWD to note areas of frequent Dis/Vet violations and provide this to Parking Enforcement, and Parking Enforcement will follow up on this report. Niesen said that MPD is issuing citations on a daily basis. They have areas they focus on such as MATC Truax, but they appreciate being informed of other areas where violations are common. Monks noted that it may not be that difficult for people to legally get a Dis/Vet tag, and this contributes to their use. Kunz stated that he sees fewer Parking Enforcement officers around East Towne Mall than in the past. Niesen replied that they check East Towne daily, and multiple times each day. Kunz said that it is often between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. when he does not see much enforcement, and the Dis/Vet stalls at Barnes & Noble are frequently misused. Niesen replied that she will make a note of this time frame. Niesen said that the City is transitioning to provide a system in which police officers can issue a parking ticket in the same way they do other citations; this should help them with enforcement in the future. Niesen said that PEO's do enforcement from 6:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m., seven days per week.

Weber asked if the DPEAC could be reinstated. Monks replied that the Mayor is not interested in reinstating the DPEAC due to reasons stated-it was not an effective way for them to provide enforcement of Dis/Vet violations. Weber said that within the last 4-5 days, a citation was written for \$30 in the State Street Capitol Garage for a Dis/Vet access aisle violation. Putnam to follow up with staff.

5. Discussion on parking for persons with disabilities at Alliant Energy Center.

At Bratfest, the wheelchair accessible stalls were used for motorcycle parking. Weber inquired and was told that there was accessible parking in other locations. Weber added that the location marked for handicap parking was not satisfactory, and both Weber and Kail's vehicles had to be driven out of the stall for them to be able to get into their vehicle, due to the lack of an access aisle next to the stall. Kail said that the County does not have a Disability Rights Coordinator, but members can contact the County on their own behalf, not representing the City PCFPWD.

6. **Kail to report on call to Building Inspection regarding Hawthorne Library disabled parking signs.**

Kail stated that Building Inspection staff will visit the location with PCFPWD representatives to identify the problems. Kail will call Building Inspection to arrange for a time to meet.

7. **Putnam to report on contact with Building Inspection regarding the number of spaces reserved for persons with disabilities at East Towne and West Towne malls.**

Putnam provided a map, courtesy of East Towne, showing the parking spaces and locations of Dis/Vet stalls. Weber said that West Towne does not have as many spaces reserved for Dis/Vet parkers. Weber will go to West Towne and request a plan showing spaces.

8. **Putnam to report on status of Public Service Announcement video.**

Putnam will contact Joe Schraven to ask about the status of the PSA.

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

There was no discussion on this item. The item will remain on future agendas.

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

There are no new organizations to add at this time.

11. **Other business for referral.**

Kail went to the disability pride festival in Brittingham Park and said it was a terrific event. There were wheelchairs washed, massages provided, and lunch available. She would like to encourage people to let the organization know it was a great event. The website is Disabilitypridemadison.org.

12. **Assignments**

Kail will call Building Inspection to schedule a meeting at Hawthorne Library. Weber will request a parking map from West Towne mall. Putnam will follow up with Joe Schraven regarding the PSA, making sure that the \$150 fine is noted. Putnam will check with Parking Utility staff regarding citations for Dis/Vet violations in City parking garages. Putnam will check with City Attorney's Office regarding the placing of Dis/Vet brochures on windshields by PCFPWD members.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kail, seconded by Van Kampen, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.