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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Thursday, August 27, 2009

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)

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For further information, please view this meeting of the Commission on People with Disabilities on the Madison City Channel website by going to: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/mcc12/cpd.html>. There you will find a link to the most recent meeting. To view previous meetings, scroll down and select the meeting you wish to view.

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order with Randy Black, Chair, presiding at 5:01 pm.

**Present:** 8 -

Mark Clear; Sarah Barber; Pamela Erlanger; Randy G. Black; Lorry Bond; Lisa A. Jameson; Marie I. VandeBerg and Ken W. Pritchard

**Absent:** 1 -

William J. Tangney

**Excused:** 3 -

Robert P. Monahan; Kory S. Tabor and Gregory B. Banks

**Staff:** Lucía Nuñez  
Chrissy Thiele

**Guest:** Susan De Vos, representing herself as well as the Madison Area Bus Advocates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ald. Clear made a motion, seconded by VandeBerg, to approve the minutes. Motion was adopted by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan De Vos, a disability representative on the Ped/Bike/Motor Vehicle Commission, would like to see more disability representatives on commissions/committees/boards in order to address disability issues. The Plan Commission, Long Range Transportation, Senior Citizen Advisory Board, as well as others, should have a position designated for disability representatives.

1.        [15340](#)                      Report from the Department of Civil Rights

For information only. No action required. Lucía Nuñez, Director, Department of Civil Rights: Actions taken since the last meeting. 10 minutes

**Nuñez reported on the following:**

  - The resolution presented by Ald. Konkel a year or two ago, which was to look at the diversity (racial/ethnic/gender) of Madison's commissions/committees/boards, was completed and brought to the AAC. It was noted the group most lacking was those with disabilities. However people who apply are not obligated to indicate their race/ethnicity/gender/disability, so the report is not entirely accurate.
  - Budget was submitted to the Mayor's Office the beginning of August. Included in the 6% reduction budget is decreasing the Disability Rights and Services Coordinator position to 80%. The Common Council meetings for budget deliberations are Nov. 10, 11, and 12.
  - There was a presentation at the Deaf Lutheran Church which focused on issues with police stops and people who are deaf or hard of hearing, such as miscommunications, etc. The police are now incorporating in their training what to do in certain situations and the steps to take when with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing.
  - AAC is still discussing the item CPD and EOC passed (having the commissions able to introduce ordinance changes directly to the Common Council).

Nuñez asked Commissioners if they would like for the CDA staff to come on a quarterly bases to CPD meetings to provide updates and reports, replacing former member Alice Fike's monthly report. Commissioners agreed to the offer.
  
2.        [13520](#)                      Report from the Chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Randy Black : Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

**No report was made.**
  
3.        [15341](#)                      Report from the Parking Council for People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Bill Tangney: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

**Tangney was not present, so no report was made.**
  
4.        [09671](#)                      Report from the ADA Transit Subcommittee

For information only. No action required. Bill Tangney: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

**Tangney was not present, so no report was made.**

5. [14714](#)

Report from the Common Council

For information only. No action required. Alder Clear: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

**Clear reported on the following:**

- **Capital Budget will be released Aug. 31 and formerly introduced to Common Council Sept. 1. Capital Budget affects multi-year expenditures that the City does (e.g. infrastructure of roads and bridges, etc.), and potentially for the reconstruction of Central Library.**
- **The Edgewater Hotel proposal would improve access to the Lake, even providing disability access to the lake front by having an elevator from the hotel to the pier. Access to the elevator and to the lake front would be available to the public.**

**Ald. Clear handed out a report from Mayor's office regarding short term solutions for the closure of the Badger Bus Terminal.**

**A motion was made to take up item 8, Discussion on Winter Accessibility on Sidewalks and at Bus Stops related to Badger Bus Pick Ups.**

8. [15646](#)

Discussion on Winter Accessibility on Sidewalks and at Bus Stops related to Badger Bus Pick Ups

**Susan De Vos commented on the following:**

- **A major priority when clearing snow should be clearing bus stops**
- **Proposed it should be required for private property owners to clear cement pathways at bus stops as well as the sidewalk and curb cutaways.**
- **Badger Bus is thinking of picking people up off streets, like Metro, however Badger Bus cannot use Metro stops.**
- **Lifts on buses are a minimum ADA requirement, not a sufficient requirement, and cannot be used when paths are not cleared when it snows.**

**Commissioners discussed the following:**

- **City has little authority over inter-city transit except that they cannot use Metro stops.**
- **Badger Bus is negotiating with Metro to use stops at Kelley's Market (at W. Washington) and Dutch Mill.**
- **If City ordinance requires curb cutaways to be cleared, it needs to be enforced.**
- **Kneeling capability on buses in winter affect accessibility issues as they are not usable in winter (they are water based and will lock up if activated, preventing the bus from continuing its route).**
- **If there is a curb cutaway issue, even if it was previously cleared and a snowplow plows over it, call the Streets Department and they will take care of it (especially if it relates to a disability accessibility issue).**
- **Some construction projects will continue through winter in Madison and there are areas where the construction goes right up to the street, blocking the sidewalks. Those areas will affect accessibility in winter.**

6. [14691](#) Questions and Pending Items for Alderman

- A. Discussion and possible action on duties and roles of Executive Committee
- B. Common Council action on process for 10% full accessibility in city funded apartments: Draft letter to Common Council and other appropriate agencies or referral to other Commissions and Boards

**A. Commissioners discussed the following:**

- The CPD Executive Committee has to be noticeably cancelled in order to comply with Open Meetings Laws.
- The Executive Committee meetings seemed as though there was a commission meeting in terms of discussion, before it even came to the full commission. The smaller group was discussing issues for the larger group.
- Currently staff keeps track of agenda items discussed at the meeting that members would like to see on the future agenda. Staff then enters it into Legistar, forwards it to the chair and vice chair to look it over and get feedback from them, and then posts the agenda.
- The EOC Executive Committee set the agenda for next meeting and explore/research information for the full commission.
- Use the Executive Committee like a subcommittee, allowing the commission to refer particular discussions that are too in depth to be handled among the full commission. That way the Executive Committee could still exist, but wouldn't have to be noticed or cancelled unless a duty was assigned to it by the full Commission.

Ald. Clear made a motion, seconded by Jameson, to remove any existing duties from the CPD Executive Committee, other than as assigned by the full Commission at a future meeting; at which time, the chair shall also appoint at minimum a third member from the commission to the Executive Committee. Motion was adopted by voice vote/other.

**B. Commissioners discussed the following:**

- If going through with this motion will be a "feel good" resolution without much power behind it.
- If the motion could become broader instead of just affecting City funded housing development.
- If the motion should affect only future housing projects, or as well as current housing projects (e.g. Allied Drive, etc.).
- This motion includes 10% full accessibility on TIF funded housing as well.
- Ald. Clear will work with DCR and the Attorney's office to see what the parameters are, what the Commission can work with, and also look at models from other communities and draft something for the Commission.

7. [15645](#) Discussion of Neutral Fare vs. Peak & Non-Peak Fares

Referred to next meeting.

9. [14048](#) 2009 Goals - Discussion and Possible Action

Referred to next meeting.

10. [10782](#) Future Agenda Items
- Snow Removal Policy with Streets Dept.
  - Metro Accessibility Policy with Metro Dept.
  - Accessibility around construction sites with Engineering Dept.
  - Report of parameters with 10% full accessibility motion
  - CDA Reports with CDA Dept.
  - Discussion of Neutral Fare vs. Non-Peak Fares
  - 2009 Goals
  - Outreach to people with disabilities to serve on commissions/committees/boards
  - Discuss designating positions for disability representatives on commissions/committees/boards
11. [10783](#) Announcement of Community Events
- For information only; no action required.
- No announcements were made.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made to Adjourn. Motion was adopted by voice vote/other.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.**