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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, August 22, 2013

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Macy called the meeting to order at 5:10

Present: 7 -

Mark Clear; Betty Hicks; Mikael C. Snitker-Magin; Pamela Erlanger;
Jeffrey S. Buhrandt; Kory S. Tabor and Chris Hendrickson

Absent: 1 -

William J. Tangney

Excused: 4 -

Anna P. Gouker; Sarah L. Baebler; Nola J. Contrucci and Dale W.
Hopkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hicks moved to approve the minutes, Clear seconded. The minutes were
unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. [31326](#) Discussion of International Disability Rights Issues

The commission was addressed by Nishantha Kumara, a fellow with the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) currently working at Access to Independence. Mr Kumara is here as part of an exchange program to learn about disability rights policies and practices in order to develop a support network in his home country of Sri Lanka. Mr Kumara noted that Sri Lanka has a population of 21 million, 7% of which is comprised of people with disabilities. Currently the country is focused on economic development but lacks the infrastructure for accessibility. Mr Kumara hopes to return to Sri Lanka in order to develop a network similar to independent living centers in America. The commission shared some of their insight with Mr Kumara regarding independent living philosophy as well as steps and methods to building and fostering a disability rights movement.

REPORTS

2. [13520](#) Report from the Chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Nothing to report

3. [14714](#) Report from the Common Council

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Nothing to report

4. [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.

Glozier reported that the DCR budget had been submitted and was moving through the process. He also noted that a new EOD investigator was hired leaving only one vacant position in DCR. Glozier reported on work since the last meeting which includes the continuation of polling place reviews as well as parks surveys. Glozier also talked about the Disability Pride event held in July, indicating that it brought together around 250 individuals and was successful.

5. [15341](#) Report from the Parking Council for People with Disabilities
For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Tangney was not present

6. [27668](#) Report from the ADA Transit Subcommittee
For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

Tangney was not present

7. [24056](#) Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission
For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Nothing

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. [10782](#) Future Agenda Items
The commissioners expressed interest in having a discussion regarding the creation and development of an executive committee.

9. [10783](#) Announcement of Community Events
For information only; no action required.

None

ADJOURNMENT

Erlanger moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Hendrickson. The vote passed unanimously.