



# City of Madison

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

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Tuesday, April 16, 2013

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:** 5 -

Gary A. Weber; Joanne Wagner; Joseph P. Kunz; William J. Tangney and  
Fayth E. Kail

**Excused:** 1 -

Kenneth M. Streit

### 1. Approval of Minutes - March 19, 2013

Weber said he doesn't understand Item #5's statement by Niesen stating that there are currently full time parking enforcement officers. Seymour replied that, unlike a small town where there are not dedicated parking enforcement officers, having 30 volunteers writing reports of parking violations is not necessary in Madison.

Weber said that it was his understanding that members of the Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council (DPEAC) cannot look for infractions. Seymour confirmed that the guideline is that DPEAC members cannot seek out infractions. Kail asked how one determines the difference between seeking out infractions and taking note of infractions. Weber said that he would write a lot more reports if he could go looking for violations. Kunz said that when they go to a grocery store, they check the spots in the parking lot. Seymour said that to her understanding, this is within the guidelines, as they are already there during the course of their normal daily activities. Tangney said that it was his understanding the guideline is not to make it a job or mission, but that it is acceptable if you are observant while going about your normal daily routine. Kail asked if it is their obligation to call Parking Enforcement while present, if a violation is seen. Seymour replied no, they are not obligated to call. Anyone can call the non-emergency number if they wish.

Tangney provided a clarification regarding having people from DPEAC attend PCFPWD meetings; that if they attend they will have more of a feeling that they are part of a group effort, and it would encourage them to be more active and write reports. Tangney noted that Streit said, in general, if there is a more robust agenda with more people that are involved, this can be helpful.

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

**2. Public Comment - None**

**3. Disclosures and Recusals**

Tangney said that he is a disabled veteran, and this helps him in his work for the committee. For instance, providing free bus passes to veterans who have not received disabled status could be appreciated, as it can take nine months before returning veterans are granted disabled status.

**4. Report by Madison Police Department representative Aileen Seymour regarding the operations of the Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance council.**

Seymour said there was one infraction report since the last meeting.

**5. Discuss possible consolidation of PCFPWD with DPEAC, CPD, or other committees.**

Seymour said that Jason from Civil Rights was working on this, and there are several issues that need to be addressed. Putnam stated that the City Traffic Engineer and Parking Manager would prefer that the PCFPWD remain under the TPC, as this is the best way for parking related issues to be addressed. Weber said that originally he voted yes for consolidating the committees, but his vote now would be no. He has been reading the minutes and discussions, and the CPD's focus is on people with disabilities. Tangney stated that in his opinion, and that of the CPD, they would prefer this to be considered primarily an issue of persons with disabilities, and not so much a parking revenue related issue. Tangney recognizes that Traffic Engineering and the Parking Utility might have a different perspective.

Tangney takes the issues related to disabilities to the CPD as the liaison for PCFPWD. Seymour said that there will be better answers once issues have been worked out and Gloezier would speak to the PCFPWD. Tangney said that it is important that PCFPWD members speak with staff who are considering changes in structure of the committees. Weber said that according to the March PCFPWD minutes, Item #5 notes that if the PCFPWD was under CPD, the focus would be more on civil rights and disability issues, rather than parking issues. Weber said that he is concerned about parking concerns not being well served.

Kail said that in her opinion, joining CPD rather than TPC, would benefit the PCFPWD because the emphasis would be on disabilities rather than parking. PCFPWD has more weight with CPD than with TPC because the emphasis is on disabilities, not parking. PCFPWD members are also concerned about a lot of other issues. Tangney asked if the PCFPWD should write a letter expressing their opinion, and address it to the TPC with a copy to CPD, to clarify the emphasis about disability versus parking. Weber said that it appears to him that PCFPWD would be a subcommittee of CPD according to the March PCFPWD minutes. Tangney replied the PCFPWD is already a subcommittee under TPC.

Weber asked who makes the determination as to how the committees are structured. Seymour replied that the city makes the decision as to how the committees are structured, but they sought the opinion of the PCFPWD. Tangney said part of the confusion is that DPEAC and PCFPWD would come

together as one and be under CPD. Currently DPEAC members have little contact with city committees. Often people who have no recognition become less active, so this might provide a way for people to be more involved and active. Wagner suggested that once Jason meets with the PCFPWD, the committee members can move forward.

6. **Weber to report on clearing of snow in spaces reserved for persons with Disabled plates or hangtags at Eastgate Cinema.**

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

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

8. **Discuss what information to have Madison City Channel provide for event parking and what information to put into a video PSA.**

Wagner asked for special events where disabled parking is removed from the usual spots and provided in alternative locations. Weber suggested that information currently in the disabled parking brochure could be put in a PSA. Tangney stated that each time information is put on the MCC, a link to the City website could be included. Weber said that in the past, some organizations have provided Federal information rather than Wisconsin and City of Madison specific information. Kail suggested that an explanation of the access aisle use and parking prohibition be mentioned. She stated that there are "no parking" signs at the end of access aisles in some locations around Florida. Weber said it would be helpful to provide Madison City Channel with a summary locations where information can be found, such as information on access aisles.

9. **[20218](#)** Distribution list for Parking for Persons with Disabilities brochure

There are no new organizations to add at this time.

10. **Other business for referral.**

Tangney would like Seymour provide information on whether outdated signs in apartment building lots can be enforced.

11. **Assignments**

Seymour to speak on enforcement in private lots when disabled signs are not up to current standards. Each committee member shall bring a list of items to put on City Channel. Tangney suggested the PSA emphasize one item at a time, with a referral to the City website.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Tangney, seconded by Kunz, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.