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Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Monday, August 10, 2015

6:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 357 (City-County Building)

A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Enis T. Ragland; Samba Baldeh; Mark Clear; Jeff Kostelic; Mary Kolar; Al Matano and Paul Nelson

Excused: 1 - Sheri Carter

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Others Present: Casey Becker, Dan Lowndes, Carlos Pabellon, Jim Reamer, Amanda DePagter, Matt Kozlowski, Justin Fay, Brenda Konkell, Karin Peterson Thurlow

A1. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the city members present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Matano, to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2015 City-County Liaison Committee meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

C. REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

1. [39639](#) Update: Activities Inside and Outside of the City-County Building Requiring Security and/or Law Enforcement Response

Attachments: [2015 DISC-045 - MPD Incidents June_July 2015.pdf](#)

Dan Lowndes, Dane county Risk Manager, addressed the committee. He distributed a compilation of Madison Police Department calls to the CCB deck. The police made 62 calls to the area in 60 days. On July 22nd, there were 7 calls. Nelson requested police reports specific to the CCB. Ragland indicated that police patrols have increased. Discussion ensued.

2. [39640](#) Status of Storage Facilities

Ragland reported that there was notice that the storage facility behind the municipal building would be removed. Belongings are at the Sycamore facility and there is a private effort to create storage.

3. [39642](#) Legal Opinion / Recommendation on People Who Have Taken Up Residence on the City-County Building Porch

Attachments: [2015 DISC-046 - List of Issues - CCLC 8-10-15.pdf](#)

Adriana Peguero and Kate Smith from the City Attorney's Office addressed the committee. Peguero said that, as she had indicated in 2013, in order to enforce trespassing, people must be notified on an individual basis and there must be a posting of the building. She indicated that the CCLC would need to modify the rules. At this point, the Madison Police Department cannot issue a ticket unless an individual has been banned by the Dane County Risk Manager. Discussion ensued clarifying that if the no trespassing sign faced outward, toward the deck, then it would be enforced by MPD, particularly when the building is closed.

Amanda DePagter addressed the committee. She serves as the lead janitor for the daytime shift. She reported 12 items of concern. DePagter spoke of health concerns and safety issues. In particular, DePrater spoke of concern regarding blood borne pathogens, and that some of the janitors are limited term employees without insurance. She noted that providing a safe haven is a commendable position, but the area is not a safe haven anymore.

Justin Fay addressed the committee. He is the lead janitor for the 4 PM to midnight shift. He spoke of the impact of the homeless on the employees and visitors on the first floor. It has become ordinary to clean feces from chairs, benches, and outside of the building. He expressed concern regarding physical violence as well as verbal threats on a daily basis. Fay shared photos of drug paraphanelia in CCB bathrooms. He noted that some of those on the deck need refuge because others are taking advantage of them. Fay asked the committee for help creating a safe work environment.

Jim Reamer addressed the committee. He serves as a janitor at the CCB. He indicated he has addressed the committee three times. He indicated he was pleased the committee was trying to find a solution.

Matt Kazlowski addressed the committee, representing Progressive Dane. He indicated that the homeless are feeling more and more attacks from employees and the public and that is why there is more violence. He indicated the solution is case management and services.

Brenda Konkel addressed the committee. She said people feel under attack. She urged greater resources on case management and housing. Case workers should be attached to lockers and placed around the city.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for revenue to address housing, support for Hep C tests for janitors, and the approach of opening the loading dock area of the municipal building so people could sleep over there.

4. [39643](#) Update: Homeless Day Shelter

Attachments: [Press Release County Board Allocates \\$2 Million for Homeless.pdf](#)

Casey Becker from Dane County Human Services addressed the committee. She indicated the county had filed a CUP on the Martin Street property. The city and county are working together to identify a downtown site. An assessment of the Bellini building is underway. The Capital Neighborhood Association will meet on August 26th to discuss options.

5. [39644](#) Paving Area Near Bicycle Rack (Carroll Street)

Carlos Pabellon, interim director of the Dane County Department of Administration, addressed the committee regarding the paving of an area on Carroll Street. He indicated that bike racks will be installed. Matano asked for a diagram of the intallation and noted that the process of taking out a tree and replacing it with a paved area should have come to the committee.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

E. FUTURE MEETING ITEMS AND DATES

Supv. Kolar asked members to hold September 28, 2015 for a City-County Liaison Committee meeting.

F. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

There was no other business.

G. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Matano, seconded by Nelson, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.