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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

5:00 PM

Room 108, City-County Building
(Parks conference room)
210 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Present: 5 -

Kenneth M. Streit; Joanne Wagner; Joseph P. Kunz; William J. Tangney
and Fayth E. Kail

Excused: 1 -

Gary A. Weber

1. Approval of Minutes

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

2. Public Comment - None

3. Disclosures and Recusals - None

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

Seymour said there were four infraction reports from three different people. Niesen noted one is going to court.

5. Status update of possible consolidation of PCFPWD with CPD or other committees

Tangney, liaison to the Commission on People with Disabilities (CPD), said that the PCFPWD currently responds to the Transit and Parking Commission. If the PCFPWD were to be a subcommittee of CPD, the focus would emphasize disabilities and a person's civil rights more than strictly parking issues. Members of CPD felt that if this were a disability issue rather than a parking issue, it would raise the importance of the issue. Currently the Parking Assistance Enforcement Council (DPEAC) members are relatively inactive. If these members began to attend CPD meetings, they might be more likely to write reports.

Tangney said the first step is to bring the PCFPWD and DPEAC together, and have those two organizations answer to the CPD rather than the TPC. Kail said that she agrees with this change and asked if other PCFPWD members have opinions. Kunz, Streit, and Wagner said they agree with this position. Streit noted that the TPC is more interested in there being turnover of street parking,

rather than specific enforcement for disabled parking issues. Niesen said that by combining the two groups, it might be possible to cut down on the number of members needed. Currently the DPEAC can have 30 members, but only three are active, and the three that are active are on the PCFPWD. Niesen stated that by combining the groups, communication would be improved. The second thought is to make the PCFPWD a subcommittee of the CPD; then, if there are no items on the PCFPWD agenda, the PCFPWD would not have to meet that month. PCFPWD would be a subcommittee of the CPD and meet on an 'as needed' basis. Under this proposal, only people who served on the CPD or PCFPWD would be on the DPEAC. Tangney said his understanding was that the 30 members of the DPEAC would be combined with the PCFPWD members. Niesen clarified that no, the DPEAC would be limited in the number of volunteers, and those members would be a member of either CPD or PCFPWD.

Tangney said if members of DPEAC were members of PCFPWD, more DPEAC members would write reports. Niesen said there is currently full-time Parking Enforcement staff doing enforcement, hence there is not a great need for reports to be written. If someone sees an infraction, they can call Parking Enforcement, and Parking Enforcement can respond. Tangney said that, in his opinion, volunteers are still needed. Niesen replied that volunteers can be helpful, but the idea is that they are active. Seymour said that two people write 98% of all the reports submitted, and one of these persons is a Parking Enforcement officer. In reality, there is currently only one person on the DPEAC who is submitting reports. Tangney said that if people heard the reports of activities of volunteers, the volunteers would be more active. Seymour said that the DPEAC may have been intended more for communities that do not have Parking Enforcement officers, rather than Madison, which has a staff of Parking Enforcement Officers.

The goal is to make the most efficient use of volunteer and staff time. Kunz said there will always be volunteers that do not write reports. Niesen said that volunteers are told they are welcome to attend the PCFPWD meetings. Tangney asked if MATC lots or grocery store lots are enforced. Niesen said they write a great number of citations for MATC.

The goal is to have a committee and a subcommittee, with the subcommittee meeting only on an 'as needed' basis. The goal is not to eliminate the committees, but improve their efficiency. Kail asked what would the new structure be. Niesen replied the PCFPWD would be a subcommittee of CPD and would meet when there are items for an agenda. DPEAC would be a subcommittee of CPD, and a person would need to be a member of either CPD or PCFPWD to serve on the DPEAC.

Wagner asked how would PCFPWD members notify the committee that there is an item for the agenda. Niesen replied this is something that Jason Glozier with Civil Rights is working on. Tangney said that no decisions were made at the last CPD meeting. Kail asked if the people on PCFPWD would be joining CPD and would attend those meetings. Niesen replied that PCFPWD members would not be required to attend CPD meetings, but would meet as needed.

Streit would like fewer committees with more robust agendas. He feels this is a more successful design than having many committees with little on their agendas. Niesen said the Mayor's Office is looking at all the different committees and commissions to see if some can be combined to be more

effective. Tangney asked if three people from PCFPWD would be members of CPD. Niesen replied no, the current PCFPWD members will stay members on PCFPWD, but as a subgroup of CPD. They would not be members of CPD, though they could attend. Tangney noted that meetings have been skipped because there was little on the agenda. Tangney moved that Niesen relay this discussion to Jason Glozier so that Jason can take the discussion to CPD, no second, motion failed.

Streit moved to support the efforts of the City and Mayor to consolidate the committees, so the committees have more robust agendas to work on, seconded by Kail. The motion passed unanimously. Kail asked if Glozier could come to the next meeting. Putnam will ask Glozier to attend.

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

Weber was not present to report.

7. Putnam to report on status of removing Special Event signing

Putnam said signs will be removed within the next 30 days.

8. Discuss issue of snow being piled in Disabled stalls

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

9. Discuss potential items that PCFPWD could take on

Kail is not sure what CPD does and suggested that PCFPWD members could attend a CPD meeting. Tangney said anyone can attend and speak up to three minutes as a member of the public. CPD meets the fourth Thursday of the month. Kail asked if the PCFPWD could be put on the CPD agenda. Putnam will ask Glozier if CPD would put PCFPWD members on agenda. Kail could probably attend a meeting in June.

10. Putnam to report on potential for Madison City Channel to provide information for parking for people with disabilities during special events

Putnam stated that Madison City Channel Staff are available to assist with posting information or making a video PSA. Wagner requested that the next meeting agenda include what to put on a bulletin board and PSA. In addition, Tangney suggested investigating whether students at a MATC media class could do a project with Madison City Channel (MCC) to create a PSA. Kail said that could require a lot of coordination; it could be more efficient just to work with MCC.

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Distribution list for Parking for Persons with Disabilities brochure

There are no new organizations to put on list at this time.

12. Other business for referral

Discuss combining PCFPWD, DPEAC, and CPD at next meeting.

13. Assignments - None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kunz, seconded by Tangney, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.