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Meeting Minutes - Draft MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, December 17, 2012

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Paul R. Malischke; Sybil R. Better; Rosa J. Garner; Samuel L. Owens;
Nicole (Nicci) Fite; Maribeth Witzel-Behl and Andrea R. Kaminski

Absent: 1 -

Jennifer Rubin

Also present at this meeting were election officials Andrew Koch, Paul O'Leary, Gary Poulson and Lynn Rettig; Judith Davidoff of the Isthmus; and Jean Tretow-Schmitz who represented the Clerk's office.

This meeting was properly noticed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [28490](#) Report on November 6, 2012 Presidential and General Election, including polling place changes in wards 44, 49, 56, 71, 75, 79.

Witzel-Behl reported that the number of voters on November 6, 2012 was a new record. In-office absentee voting also occurred at a record pace. The many volunteers assisting Clerk's Office staff allowed the absentee process to work. There were no complaints received about the new polling locations.

2. [28492](#) Updating the State Voter Registration System with changes to polling locations

City Clerk Witzel-Behl indicated that the Mayor's office would like to see the Gates of Heaven polling place at 302 E Gorham changed to an accessible location in ward 46. This would need Common Council approval. Steep stairs to the basement restrooms prevent accessibility for both voters and election officials.

Garner reported that six voters who had registered in advance were not found in the poll books for ward 41. Witzel-Behl responded that she would like to track voters in similar situations in the next two elections in order to try to identify patterns.

3. [27843](#) 2012 Madison Election Advisory Committee Report to the Common Council

A motion was made by Better, seconded by Garner, to approve additional changes to the report as discussed.

4. [28491](#) Purchase of New Software for Scheduling of Election Officials

Witzel-Behl remarked that Ald. Resnick has offered to check in with his contacts regarding the possible development of scheduling software.

5. [27096](#) Schedule of Meetings for 2012-13: March 18, June 17, Sept. 16, Dec. 9, 2013

2013 Meeting Dates:

All meetings will take place on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. in room 108, the Parks Dept. conference room.

March 18, June 17, September 16, December 9.

NEXT MEETING

6. [04353](#) Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

1. Succession of officers.
2. Priorities for 2013.
3. Update on Feb. 19, 2013 Spring Primary election, and look to April 2 Spring Election.
4. Legislative Update.
5. Committee make-up.
6. New scheduling software.
7. Selection of new voting machines.
8. Outreach to voters who are temporarily abroad.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Garner, seconded by Kaminski, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.