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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, November 29, 2007

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Room GR-27

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Fike called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Present: 8 -

Nancy R. Kathman; Mary P. Conroy; Robert P. Monahan; Randy G. Black;
Alice J. Fike; Ken W. Pritchard; William J. Tangney and Marie I. VandeBerg

Absent: 1 -

Paul E. Skidmore

Excused: 1 -

Gregory B. Banks

Staff Present: Nuñez, Bennett and Felton

Late: Skidmore arrived at 4:50 p.m.

Prichard left at 5:00 p.m. to attend another meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2007

**A motion was made by Black, seconded by Monahan, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

4. [08116](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights

For information only. No action required. Lucía Nuñez, Director, Department of Civil Rights, and Angela Bennett, Disability Rights and Services Program Coordinator: Actions taken since the last meeting. 10 minutes

The Director reported as follows: (1) The budget passed, with no amendments for the DCR budget. The fair housing grant went to CDBG. (2) The DCR held the last town hall meeting on the North Side, and found the same issues as the other town hall meetings: jobs, employment, training, police/community interaction. (3) The DCR is making the following 3 separate studies to the Common Council: (a) city hiring practices, which is almost completed; (b) study of protected classes in top management, and (c) protected classes on boards and committees. The last two studies are due in February. (c) the Martin Luther King Humanitarian award committee is soliciting nominations. (d) DR&SP coordinator led the DCR coordinator training on November 2. Commissioners asked questions regarding representation from the police department in the training, and applications for vacancies on the Commission. The DR&SP coordinator reported on the training and answered questions regarding reasonable modification policies and processes in the city, in the areas of city services and city employment.

Alder Skidmore came in at 4:50 approximately

Pritchard left at 5:00 p.m.

Present: 8 -

Nancy R. Kathman; Paul E. Skidmore; Mary P. Conroy; Robert P. Monahan; Randy G. Black; Alice J. Fike; William J. Tangney and Marie I. VandeBerg

Excused: 2 -

Ken W. Pritchard and Gregory B. Banks

5. [08118](#) Report from the Chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Alice Fike: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

Fike reported that the Executive Committee discussed the election of a chair person.

6. [08121](#) Report from the Executive Committee

For information only. No action required. Alice Fike: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

Fike combined this report with 5 above.

7. [08122](#) Report from the Parking Council for People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Mary Conroy: Actions taken since the last meeting. 3 minutes

Conroy did not report because she was temporarily out of the room. Tangney reported that there was no meeting, because there was no quorum.

8. [08125](#) Report from the Common Council

For information only. No action required. Ald. Skidmore: Actions taken since the last meeting. 3 minutes

Skidmore reported that the Common Council passed the budget; the city is appealing the variance affecting the accessibility of apartment patios, and the resolution was passed that the CPD addressed at the last session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. [08150](#) Accessible Housing Goal

Attachments: [Property Tax Exemption.pdf](#)
[Proposed Changes to Sec. 70.11.pdf](#)
[Mayaor's Non-Profit Housing Tax Exemption correspondence.pdf](#)
[The War to Remain Tax Exempt.pdf](#)
[New Houses Build w Changes for Tomorrow.pdf](#)
[Summary of Accessible Housing Presentations.pdf](#)

1. Fike and Conroy report on the Accessible Housing Conference. They requested that the Commission table the item, so that they could have more time.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Monahan, to Table the item until the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. Staff report: summary of action points from presentations from Access to Independence, Commonwealth Development, Movin' Out.

See link to "SUMMARY OF ACCESSIBLE HOUSING PRESENTATIONS" above.

10. [08222](#) Goals and Objectives

Attachments: [Goals and Logic Model final.pdf](#)

The Commission discussed the logic model, as follows: (1) reviewed the housing goal elements in the logic model (see attachment to agenda item 08222); (2) asked questions about the logic model and the various elements of the model discussed with staff the various elements of the model, and the impact of these goals on staff, especially in the areas of activities outside of the usual job requirements; (3) questioned what activities can the Commission now take on, such as partnering with other agencies and state level councils, education of the public on housing issues, through public forums, with agencies to report on their activities in this area.

The Commission decided to have the Executive Committee, along with the rest of

the Commission, decide the next level of activities, such as (a) developing the scope of a public hearing, and make it more simple, such as a listening session put on the agenda, (b) developing inventories of the accessibility of apartments, and (c) bringing in those landlords who have modified apartments for those with disabilities, (d) hearing from CDA, CDBG, (e) summarizing the Mayor's April accessible housing conference. In summary, these activities have the goal of gathering more input.

Chair suggested that members could attend open meetings that developers are having regarding planning for development. For example, she reported that Meriter will bring to the Triangle the long and short term plans for the development of that area.

A motion was made by Tangney, seconded by Kathman, to have a permanent spot on the full Commission agenda for the housing goal.. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

11. [08512](#) 2008 CPD Executive and Full Commission Meeting Schedule: For Discussion and Action

The Commission members discussed changing the time of CPD Executive meetings, and decided to postpone adopting the Executive Committee meeting schedule until the Executive Committee can meet and discuss it.

A motion was made by Monahan, seconded by Tangney, that the 2008 meeting schedule for the full Commission be adopted with the understanding that the meeting location may change. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

12. [08262](#) Election of Chairperson

Conroy nominated Kathman, and she accepted. Tangney nominated Monahan, and he declined. The Chair asked for nominations three times, and there were no further nominations.

A motion was made by Black, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve Kathman as Chair by acclamation. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Monahan clarified that Fike will now resume her duties as the Vice Chair.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

--Sherrie Severson, Employee Accommodations Expert
--Agustin Olvera of CDA
--Update on the four-inch threshold variance litigation
--Follow up to the tax-exempt status for housing

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

The passing of JoAnn Ulvestadjt and Ann Smith

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Conroy, seconded by Black, to Adjourn, at 6:00 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.