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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

5:00 PM

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

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: 4 - Gary A. Weber; Joanne Wagner; Joseph P. Kunz and Fayth E. Kail
Excused: 1 - William J. Tangney

1. Approval of Minutes - October 15, 2013

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

2. Public Comment

Daniel Ross, formerly a member of the DPEAC, registered and spoke. Ross stated that he, and other members of the DPEAC, are disturbed and upset with the dissolution of the committee. Their frustration is in part because they were sent a letter after the decision had already been made. Ross said that cost was noted as one of the issues. He acknowledges that enforcement has improved, at least downtown. Ross stated that he wanted to know the history of the discussion, as they were shocked by the change. Ross is on the mailing list for the minutes, but might have missed them. Wagner asked that this be put on next month's agenda.

3. Disclosures and Recusals - None

4. [32385](#) Reminder that all members of City of Madison committees, commissions, or boards must file a Statement of Interests form with the City Clerk's Office by January 7, 2014.

5. **Representative from Madison Police Department to speak on concern about a space reserved for people with disabilities being used for short term loading at an east side shopping center. Discuss layout of parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities in shopping center.**

Niesen asked for the exact location, and was told that the location is at the East Side shopping center on East Washington Avenue. Kail said that there are spaces reserved for persons with disabled plates or hang tags located near the entrance to a pizza restaurant, and people without dis/vet plates or tags

frequently stop in these spaces while they are picking up a pizza. Niesen said this would be a question for Zoning, since it is on private property. Niesen said that Zoning would need a complaint in order to review the parking. Niesen stated that Parking Enforcement goes through that parking lot often during the night, but they can increase the frequency that they go through the lot during the day. Weber noted that if the DCPEAC was still around, that members could write reports on this type of situation. Wagner said she will contact Zoning.

- 6. PCFPWD members to submit drafts of narrative for Public Service Announcement for persons with disabilities.**

Wagner wrote down three points that she would like to have covered: 1. Short introduction with the DOT website on the screen explaining that the website contains information on who can get permits, what the reasons are for getting them, and what the rules are for people to have them. 2. Show how and where to park. 3. Demonstrate the need for parking within the lines and not in the access aisle so that people with vans can get their lifts and chairs in and out.

Kail said she does not want the word, privilege, used; Wagner agreed. Kunz said that he saw news coverage about a city where disabled chair owners parked their chairs in the non-dis spaces, so that people who did not have dis/vet plates or tags would understand their frustration. Putnam will provide the topics to City Channel staff.

- 7. Committee members to present suggestions for potential new members of PCFPWD.**

Wagner suggested that Daniel Ross might consider serving on the PCFPWD. This item will remain on the next agenda.

- 8. Discuss incorrect disabled parking signage and outdated signs on private property.**

Wagner asked if there was a specific location. Kunz said that a parking lot was redone, and the signs were installed at an incorrect height. Niesen stated that this is a Zoning related issue; there is a general mailbox that anyone can use to report such concerns. Putnam will request that Jason Glozier from the Civil Rights Department, and a representative from Zoning attend the next meeting.

- 9. Discuss where disabled spaces are located.**

There was no discussion on this item.

- 10. Discuss concerns about variations in signing requirements for disabled parking throughout the United States, whether between states or between jurisdictions.**

Kail noted that if there were uniform requirements, it would be easier for developers to install the correct signage.

- 11. Discuss issue of snow being piled in Disabled stalls.**

Weber said that there is snow piled in the disabled space in front of Milios on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Niesen said that PD can only issue citations to vehicles parked illegally, and that this would be an issue for the Streets

Department. The snow removal in front of buildings is often contracted out to private contractors. Building Inspection needs to be able to prove who pushed the snow into the disabled space in order to issue a fine. Weber asked if it is illegal to block another person from parking in or getting out of a space. Niesen replied that private property is handled differently than public property. On-street parking is public property. The snow being piled in the disabled space is a Building Inspection/Zoning violation, but someone has to catch the contractor performing the Zoning violation in order to enforce it. Niesen will contact the Streets Department to make them aware of this issue. Wagner will contact Alder Verveer. This item will remain on future agendas.

12. [20218](#) Distribution list for Parking for Persons with Disabilities brochure

There are no new organizations to add at this time.

13. **Other business for referral.**

Discuss DPEAC letter and the dissolution of DPEAC.

14. **Assignments**

Wagner to get in touch with Zoning. Putnam to contact MCC and invite Jason Glozier and George Hank.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Kail, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.