



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Thursday, June 11, 2015

5:00 PM

City-County Building
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 201, Common Council Chambers

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Equal Opportunities Commission was called order at 5:05 P.M. with Bill Fetty, President, presiding. Attendance followed:

Present: Bill Fetty, Sean Saiz, Charles McDowell, Rebecca Kemble, Kathy Cramer, Moriah Grace, Adam Brabender, and Corinda Rainey-Moore

Excused: Susan Schmitz and John Quinlan

Absent: Percy Brown, Jr. and Kira Stewart

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kathy Cramer moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting without correction. The motion was seconded by Adam Brabender and passed by voice vote/other.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Ketchum attended the meeting to speak in opposition of item number five, legislative file number 37861, "Creating Section 26.14 and amending Sec. 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish a child sex offender cannot reside within 2000 feet of a school or community center and establish bail deposit schedule for violation thereof". Ketcham discussed concerns surrounding the expansive nature of the ordinance as it is written, as well as the impact the ordinance will have on the community, employment, and housing. Ms. Ketcham recommended an Equity Impact Analysis be conducted on the prosed ordinance before it is considered.

Anita Weier attended the meeting to speak in support of item number five, legislative file number 37861, "Creating Section 26.14 and amending Sec. 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish a child sex offender cannot reside within 2000 feet of a school or community center and establish bail deposit schedule for violation thereof". As a former Alder, she originally sponsored the ordinance. Weier explained the origin of the ordinance and reasons for its creation.

Heidi Wegleitner registered in opposition of item number five, legislative file number 37861, "Creating Section 26.14 and amending Sec. 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish a child sex offender cannot reside within 2000 feet of a school or community center and establish bail deposit schedule for violation thereof", but did not wish to speak on the matter.

Karen Reece registered in opposition of item number five, legislative file number 37861, "Creating Section 26.14 and amending Sec. 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish a child sex offender cannot reside within 2000 feet of a school or community center and establish bail deposit schedule for violation thereof", and wished to speak on the item, but arrived after public comment closed.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

REFERRALS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

5. [37861](#) Creating Section 26.14 and amending Sec. 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish a child sex offender cannot reside within 2000 feet of a school or community center and establish bail deposit schedule for violation thereof.

Sponsors: Anita Weier, Maurice S. Cheeks, Larry Palm and Paul E. Skidmore

Attachments: [Body](#)
[Map](#)

Lance Wiersma and Erich Wuerslin from the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) provided the Commission with a presentation surrounding process and procedure for housing placement of a sex offender in Madison. Wuerslin explained the sex offender registry, State Statutes dictating registration and notification of sex offenders, as well as educational resources. Wuerslin also discussed the positive and negative impacts an ordinance restricting housing could have on the community. Wiersma discussed the supervision aspects of sex offenders reentering in to the community, special notice bulletin released to the local Police Department, and the specific levels of community notification.

After the presentation, the Commission held a question and answer session with the presenters. The Commission did not take action on the item.

DOC's presentation is accessible on-demand by City Channel at the following link:
<http://media.cityofmadison.com/Mediasite/Play/1313d1e9142d4b57b6eb1ce9cfa0e02c1d>

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

6. Restorative Justice in the Court Systems

Judge Dan Koval presented this item to the Commission. He explained the meaning and purpose of restorative justice in the court system. Judge Koval also described different pilot programs in place, including a peer court system and creative types of community service.

After his presentation, the Commission held a question and answer session with Judge Koval about restorative justice programs.

7. [38857](#) Officer Elections for the Equal Opportunities Commission

Moriah Grace moved to suspend the rules of the Commission by referring this item to the next Equal Opportunities Commission meeting. Kathy Cramer seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote/other.

- [38444](#) Race and Media Proposal

John Quinlan was not present at this meeting to introduce this proposal.

8. Racial Equity in the Criminal Justice System

This item was referred for further consideration and planning to the EOC Executive Committee.

REPORTS

9. Director's Report

President Bill Fetty and Alyssa Riphon (Department of Civil Rights Staff) provided the Commission with a status update and answered questions about the Common Council's legislative process going forward.

10. President's Report

- Provided the Commission with an update about the Racial Equity and Criminal Justice item before the Commission

11. Committee Reports

- Common Council: Alder Kemble updated Commission on the resolution which passed to review Police Department procedure and answered questions regarding this policy from commissioners
- EOC Employment Subcommittee: Daniellie Dieringer (Chair, EOC Employment Subcommittee) provided the Commission with an update on behalf of the subcommittee. She explained problems with membership and figuring out how the subcommittee can advance equity in employment in Madison. Sean Saiz, as the EOC Employment Subcommittee liaison, expressed problems with direction from the EOC and the need for a stronger connection between the two groups.

12. **FUTURE TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no future topics from the floor.

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adam Brabender moved to adjourn the meeting of the Equal Opportunities Commission at 7:50 P.M. The motion was seconded by Moriah Grace and passed by voice vote/other.