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Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 24, 2013

5:15 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 351 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -
Sally Miley; John Strasser; Mark Clear; Jeff Kostelic; Matt Veldran; Al
Matano and Paul Rusk

Excused: 1 -
Scott J. Resnick

Others Present: Carl Gloede, Karin Peterson Thurlow

Co-chair Rusk called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the city members of the
committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the September 16th meeting was before the
committee. A motion was made by Matano, seconded by Kostelic, to Approve
the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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City-County Building Safety Concerns: Discussion and Possible Action on
a Trespassing Policy

Attachments: [Nov. 13, 2013 Mayor Soglin Letter re CCB.pdf](#)
[CCB Calls For Service.pdf](#)
[CCB employee comments.pdf](#)
[Behavior Rules 11 25.pdf](#)
[CCB Operating Rules November 25 2013 DRAFT.pdf](#)
[noGunsSmokingTrespassPosterVer2.pdf](#)
[Link: Madison Public Library Behavior Policy](#)

CCB safety concerns was before the committee. Madison Police Department Captain Gloede addressed the committee. He discussed the number of calls for service to the CCB. Discussion ensued regarding the information presented. Clear asked if the committee can draw any conclusions from the information regarding police and fire calls. Gloede indicated that the report does not reflect the quality of life issues in the building that do not get called in, such as shouting, and defecating or urinating in public areas. Those working in the building see those activities. Gloede indicated that the CCB is one of the last buildings where there is space for people to congregate.

Veldran asked about the trespassing ordinance. Gloede said that the building is open from 6 AM until 6 PM or until the last meeting is done. The juvenile detention is open 24/7 and the jail has weekend visiting hours. The Wilson Street doors are open 24/7, but the only reason someone should be inside is if they have business with juvenile detention or the jail. If someone is in the building after hours and is asked to leave and will not, then they are trespassing.

Rusk asked Gloede what policy change was being suggested. He indicated that better enforcement of the rules would help. There are a small number of people causing disturbances, but – unlike the library – no one is monitoring.

Clear asked if banning someone is an option in the CCB. John Strang of the City Attorney's Office said that one question is how does one get to the point of citing someone for trespassing. A person needs to be notified that they should not be there. Short of a no trespassing sign, there would need to be someone to tell an individual that they should leave. He said a security guard could be in charge of this. At this time, the building lacks that policy or a person to enforce it. The committee needs to address if a broader trespass policy would help the building policy. The rules that discuss trespass reference loitering. It does not reference what is going on during business hours.

Gloede expanded, saying there is a gap. In order to be trespassing, someone has to be asked to leave and then not leave. The current posting in the CCB says that people can be in the building between 6 AM and 6 PM., and there is no one to ask people to leave.

Miley spoke of the Madison library policy and that they have security guards. That is not true in the CCB and the people with the greatest view of the lobby are the assessor and those who work in city parks. There needs to be a policy based on behavior, she said.

Strong said there needs to be a trespassing sign that indicates people can be asked to leave and there needs to be someone to enforce that if a behavior is unacceptable based on policy. Then, if someone does not leave, the police can be called to enforce trespassing.

Rusk said that there was one hour until the County's hearing on the budget. He invited public testimony.

The following individuals addressed the committee:

Sue Kozbek, who said she believed people should adhere to rules. She sleeps out front of the building.

Paul Kollouf, 1490 Martin St. Madison, who spoke of the process at the shelters and the limit of days.

Charles Montgomery, who indicated that some people are dangerous.

Mark Hanson, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 101, representing the City Assessor's Office, spoke of safety concerns. He said his office has sympathy for the homeless, but that the CCB is a place of business and some individuals exhibit behaviors that are not under control. He wants the building to be safe for everyone.

Ronnie Barbett, 2113 Lake Point Dr., Madison is a member of the Homeless Issues Committee. He spoke of the need for a day shelter and a wet shelter. He said that tickets do not work for people who have no money. He suggested the number of days at shelters expand.

Edward Kuharski, 405 Sidney St., Madison suggested the city and county have a reception/lobby greeter. One of the homeless could be hired for this.

Ulysses Williams, 3041 Webb Ave. #4, Madison is a member of the Homeless Issues Committee. He said that a trespass ordinance punishes those who are not causing the trouble. He urged a focus on those who are causing trouble.

Rita Moyer, 1422 Wheeler Rd., Madison works in juvenile detention. She works overnight and has never had an issue. The situation is not getting better.

Brenda Konkel, 30 N Hancock St., Madison said the committee seemed to care about how homeless people are affecting them and not that there are homeless people. She spoke of needing lockers and showers downstairs in the CCB. There is a need for affordable housing.

Trina Clemente, 2601 Myrtle, Madison said people need to get over feeling uncomfortable.

Cheryl Elkinton, said this is a public building and there should not be a trespassing ordinance.

Keith Valliquette, 3402 Snowbrook Rd, Madison asked the committee to quit being punitive.

Betty Ybarra spoke of the needs of the homeless.

David Peters said that there are 750 school kids sleeping in cars. He believes Wausau is doing a better job with homeless issues than Madison.

Kathy Koski, 4006 Nakoosa Trail, Madison suggested making the municipal building a homeless shelter.

David Presberry, 1490 Martin St., Madison was at the shelter for 60 days. He said the CCB was a safe place day and night. He urged a balanced approach.

Others registered in support of the homeless, including:

David Callahan

Brian Golder, 30 N Hancock St, Madison

Bruce Wallbaum, 1020 Rutledge, Madison

Matt Kozlowski, 445 N. Lake St., 3207, Madison

Mardee Dapin, Dane County

Norman Davis, 5314 Forge Dr., Madison

Megan Rothstein, 1607 Pondview Ct., Middleton

Patricia Rafferty

SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Miley, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The committee adjourned at 6:58 p.m.