



**City of Madison**  
**Meeting Minutes - Final**  
**COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH**  
**DISABILITIES**

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Thursday, August 24, 2006

4:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:34 with quorum.*

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mary P. Conroy, Robert P. Monahan, Michael W. T. Howe, Randy G. Black, Jeff C. Erlanger, Alice J. Fike and Linda M. Russell

**Absent:** Paul E. Skidmore

**Excused:** Nancy R. Kathman, Michael C. O'Connor and Gregory B. Banks

*Ald. Paul E. Skidmore arrived late at approximately 4:45PM, at the beginning of discussion of Item 11.*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*There was no public comment.*

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 22, 2006**

**A motion was made by Conroy, seconded by Erlanger, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.**

**5. REPORT FROM THE DCR - Lucía Nuñez, Director, DCR; Angela Bennett, DRSPC**

*Developments regarding the new DCR; Actions taken during the months of July and August (10 Minutes):*

*The Director submitted the following report:*

*(1) On August 10, the department submitted a 2007 budget with a 3% cut as requested by the mayor. A copy of that budget is located on the city website. (2) Co-location of the EOD, AAD and DR&SP has been postponed to the Spring, 2007, to give adequate time for the bidding and construction process, which crosses departments. (3) Final interviews for civil rights recruiter position are in progress. (4) A Subcommittee of the AAC and the EOC are involved in the development of the Affirmative Action Plan, and Civil Rights Compliance plan. The DR&SPC has been involved in the development of the Civil Rights Compliance plan regarding services to individuals with disabilities. (5) Final versus draft label on the minutes: According to Tammy Peters, meeting minutes are final when posted. If the commission makes changes or amendments at the meeting, then they become amended. Commissions may direct that the following added text be added to the minutes: the minutes will be approved at the next meeting. (6) Report of the results of vote for Chair and Vice Chair: 6 to 3.*

*The DR&SPC reported:*

*(1) Meeting with CBO's on site visits regarding their Program Accessibility Plans. (2) That she would present further information on televising the goals and objectives*

*meeting and background on the proposed ordinance at the time that those items appeared on the agenda.*

**6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Alice Fike**

*Actions taken during the July, August meetings (3 Minutes):*

*Ms. Fike reviewed the minutes from the July and August meetings, involving scheduling various items for consideration of the Full Commission. See the text of those minutes for that report.*

**7. REPORT FROM THE DCR ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Jeff Erlanger**

*There was no report because this committee did not meet during July or August.*

**8. REPORT FROM THE Parking Council for People with Disabilities - Mary Conroy**

*Actions taken during the July, August meetings (3 Minutes):*

*Ms. Conroy reported that there was a meeting in July, but none in August. The council discussed (1) whether it should continue due to the significant loss of membership and (2) having the chair contact other commissions or committees to see if they could take over the functions of the council.*

**9. REPORT FROM THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION - Michael Howe**

*Actions taken during the August meeting (3 Minutes):*

*The Chair discussed a pending appeal of the companion animal case, and whether the ordinances are clear enough regarding the use of companion/service animals in businesses.*

**10. REPORT FROM THE ADA TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE - Jeff Erlanger**

*Actions taken during the July, August meetings (3 Minutes):*

*Erlanger did not attend due to his broken arm.*

**11. REPORT FROM THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMISSION - Jeff Erlanger**

*Actions taken during the June, July, August meetings (3 Minutes):*

*Erlanger reported that:*

*(1) The DCR director gave the AAC information regarding numbers of individuals by race and gender and would obtain information regarding numbers of people with disabilities.*

*(2) Regarding proper cross-representation between the AAC and the CPD: He had been asked to represent the AAC on the CPD, as well as be the CPD representative on the AAC and that he would do this on a temporary basis, but would prefer to have another member of the AAC on the CPD.*

*Alder Skidmore came in at 4:48, during the discussion of this item.*

**Present:** Paul E. Skidmore, Mary P. Conroy, Robert P. Monahan, Michael W. T. Howe, Randy G. Black, Jeff C. Erlanger, Alice J. Fike and Linda M. Russell

**Excused:** Nancy R. Kathman, Michael C. O'Connor and Gregory B. Banks

**12. REPORT FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL - Alder Skidmore**

*Actions taken during the July, August meetings, Report on actions taken on People First Language in Ordinances, city signs (5 Minutes):*

*Alder Skidmore reported that: (1) the Common Council did not meet during July; (2) the City Operational Budget will be major topic of discussion for the next council meetings, with public input through listening sessions and comments to Alders. (3) regarding the meeting with the City Attorney: the meeting addressed three separate issues: two items will be easily fixed with language changes through the city attorney's office - signs and wheelchair different label, the label for persons with emotional disabilities will be more difficult to address. The city attorney or assistant, Alder Skidmore, the DCR director and the executive committee will meet to discuss interaction between the CPD and the city attorney's office.*

**13. OLD BUSINESS**

*The Chair reported that the Executive Committee recommended that the first meeting be held on October 26, and not be televised and the second meeting be held in December and be televised.*

**A motion was made by Erlanger, seconded by Conroy, to accept the CPD Executive Committee recommendation. The Chair asked for discussion, and there was none. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Excused: Banks, Kathman and O'Connor**

**Aye: Conroy, Monahan, Howe, Erlanger, Russell and Fike**

**No: Black**

**During the announcement section of the agenda, at the request of Black, a motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Erlanger, to reconsider this motion. The motion passed by acclamation.**

**A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Monahan, to approve the motion. Discussion ensued regarding having both sessions televised, in order to support open government and having the public who could not attend the meeting itself be able to view the meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Excused: Banks, Kathman and O'Connor**

**Aye: Conroy, Monahan, Howe, Erlanger, Russell and Fike**

**No: Black**

**14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

a. Proposed Ordinance #03429:

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Amending Sections 28.04(6)(c)1.i. and 28.11(3)(g)3. of the Madison General Ordinances to add skirting and landscaping requirements for wheelchair ramp and off street parking spaces as permitted obstructions.

*The Commission did not discuss the amendment to MGO 28.11(g)(3), nor the first*

*sentence of proposed amendment to MGO 28.04(6) 1.i.*

**A motion was made by Monahan, seconded by Erlanger, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the PLAN COMMISSION to recommend adoption of proposed ordinance amendment adding section MGO 28.04(6) 1.ii, but not to endorse proposed amendment to MGO 28.04(6) 1.i. regarding the section that all ramps shall have skirting covering the opening under the ramp and a landscape buffer shall be provided along the base of the ramp. The motion passed by acclamation.**

- b. Adding an education component to MGO 3.62, the Commission's enabling ordinance

*The Chair reported that the EOC has specific charges by ordinance to provide education to the public, and an EOD staff person who has that job; however, the CPD does not have such a specific ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Fike, seconded by Conroy, that the CPD ask its Alder to (1) ask the city Attorney's office to draft an ordinance amending the CPD enabling ordinance to contain the following language: to educate the people of the City of Madison about information pertinent to disability-related issues and to promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities." and (2) sponsor that ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding asking the Alder to also ask the City Attorney to include another amendment to the CPD's enabling ordinance-eliminating MGO 3.62(4)(c). These amendments would be put in the form of a draft ordinance to be put on the agenda and presented to the CPD for discussion during a future meeting. The motion passed by acclamation.**

## 15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*Both Executive and Full Commission agenda item: the vacancies for the AAC representative and one Adult City resident on the Full Commission.*

## 16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Consumers are needed for the Wisconsin DHFS Assistive Technology Advisory Council.*

*The Curb Ramp policy was passed by the BPW on June 21, 2006.*

*Automark public testing will occur, mornings, August 28 through August 30, in Room 104 of the City/County Bldg.*

*The gas station behind East Town mall now has a button low enough for a person with a disability to use to call in order to obtain assistance with pumping gas.*

*There will be four listening sessions around the state for the Deaf Community regarding (1) their needs for mental health services, and (2) available mental health services for the Deaf: The meeting for the City of Madison is: In Madison, Sept. 18, 12 to 6:30 at the Deaf Club House, 1109 Williamson St. (across from the Roman Candle restaurant); Sept. 9, in Milwaukee, at the Deaf Lutheran Church; Sept. 15, in Appleton, at the First Methodist Church; Sept. 16, in Lacross, at the South side of the Senior Center. For more information call TTY 608-261-9314 or e-mail to russelm@dhfs.state.wi.us.*

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.*

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Erlanger, to Adjourn. The motion passed by acclamation.