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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

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 5:01 p.m.

Present: 6 -

Gary A. Weber; Joseph P. Kunz; Duane F. Hinz; William J. Tangney;
Joanne Wagner and Fayth E. Kail

1. Approval of Minutes - February 22, 2011

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

2. Public Comment - None

3. Disclosures and Recusals - None

4. Discuss any actions to take in response to the passing of Karla Smith

Kail and Weber provided information. Hinz and Putnam will work on a
resolution for the mayor to introduce and refer for action.

5. Report by Madison Police Department representative Aileen Seymour regarding the operations of the Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council.

There were no requests for citations submitted this month. Weber expressed
concern that requests for citations during the winter did not result in citations,
though PD did send instructional letters. Kunz has not been writing citations in
the winter due to the snow. Hinz asked how many people on the Enforcement
Council are concerned with this issue. Kunz replied that he writes the most
tickets. Tangney noted that the police need to verify that stall lines are clear,
and in the winter that can be an issue.

Weber asked why they cannot bring back the cameras to aid in enforcement
efforts. If a photo were included with the request for citation, then a citation
should be able to be written. Niesen replied that a photo from a cell phone
camera could be used, and this could help make it easier for PD to verify the
request. Kail asked what happened to the cameras that had been used. Kunz
replied that PD ran out of money for cameras. Sergeant Brown tried to get
funding but was unable to do so. Tangney suggested encouraging PD to use
citation funds to pay for cameras.

Tangney asked if the access aisle could have a sign saying no parking. Woodmans has access aisles marked no parking. Hinz said that they should make the PD staff aware at the next meeting of the dissatisfaction that there is not follow up with issuing citations when requests for citations are written. Secondly, the Council should find out about the signing. Putnam stated that it would require a statute or ordinance to require a no parking sign. Hinz stated in order to require a private owner to put signs in the aisle, there needs to be an ordinance written requiring a sign. Tangney said having the fines stated on the signs makes them more effective as it lets the person know the penalty is serious. Hinz replied that a reason given for not putting the fine amount on the sign is that when the fine changes new signs are not required.

Wagner motioned that Hinz discuss concerns with Niesen regarding failure to follow up on writing tickets as a result of reports issued by council members, seconded by Kunz. Discussion: Kunz said that Niesen told him that PEOs use their discretion as to who gets cited and who does not. Weber said the mayor appoints Parking Enforcement Council members. Hinz noted that members put in time and effort but they feel it is wasted effort if citations are not written. Hinz will speak with Niesen. The motioned passed unanimously.

6. Request from Putnam to cancel August 17, 2011 PCFPWD meeting.

Commission members asked for an alternative, such as a different date or a different staff person to take minutes. Putnam will review and respond at the next meeting.

7. [20218](#) Distribution list for Parking for Persons with Disabilities brochure

Weber and Kail have no additions at this time. This item will remain on the agenda.

8. [19936](#) PCFPWD Function- Discussion of task list

Federal Standards for providing parking for persons with disabilities on street: No new information. Item will remain on the agenda.

9. Putnam to report on response from City Attorney on signing parking stalls for persons with disabilities.

Putnam reported that regulations under Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans 200.07 apply to off-street only. Existing on street signing is adequate. Hinz asked whether current signing for off-street stalls per city zoning satisfies state statute so that citations can be written, and if not what needs to be done for the signs to be enforceable. Hinz asked what the signs need to say and if existing signs are grandfathered until they need to be replaced. Putnam will check with the City Attorney.

10. Putnam to report on potential standard alternative locations for disabled parking during events.

Putnam said he has not had an opportunity to review this item. Putnam will report at next meeting.

11. State legislative changes related to Dis/Vet parking (status report by Hinz).

The bill has been drafted and Representative Krusick's staff is in the process of seeking additional sponsors for the bill, but there was no number for the bill when he last checked. Tangney stated that his impression is that PD is no longer that interested in pushing for this change and asked if this was a policy decision by upper level PD staff.

12. Federal guidelines regarding on-street parking requirements for Dis/Vet stalls (status report by Hinz).

Hinz indicated there has been no action by the Federal Government since the last meeting requiring a certain number of on street dis/vet stalls. This item is to remain on future agendas.

13. Other business for referral

- Report from Hinz on discussion with Niesen.
- Putnam to note any accommodations for persons with disabilities that are made for large events if they come up regarding alternative dis stalls.

14. Assignments

- Putnam to check on alternative date for August PCFPWD meeting.
- Hinz to discuss PCFPWD concern with Niesen regarding failure to follow up on writing tickets as a result of reports issued by council members.
- Putnam to check with City Attorney regarding requirements for off street signing of dis/vet spaces.
- Putnam to review and report on potential standard alternative temporary dis/vet parking locations during special events.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kunz, seconded by Tangney, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.