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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Tuesday, June 18, 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 5:09 p.m.

Present: 5 - Joanne Wagner; William J. Tangney and Fayth E. Kail; Gary Weber; Joe Kunz

1. Approval of Minutes - May 23, 2013

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

2. Public Comment - None.

3. Disclosures and Recusals

Wagner noted that she is related to Poulson.

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

Seymour was not present to report.

5. Tom Woznick, City of Madison Parking Utility Parking Operations Manager, and Gary Poulson, chair of Transit and Parking Commission, to discuss communication and roles of the TPC, Parking Utility, and PCFPWD.

Woznick noted that there has been discussion over the past few months considering changes to the PCFPWD. The Parking Utility's perspective is that PCFPWD is subordinate to TPC, and is to offer recommendations on parking for persons with disabilities and/or challenges. Woznick stated City Ordinance 346.50(3)m(b) provides this authority. His understanding is that the discussion related to whether the PCFPWD should remain subordinate to the TPC and Parking Utility. The Parking Utility would prefer that the PCFPWD remains subordinate to TPC. Poulson noted that there were numerous changes to the structure in the 1990's. Some of the issues that this group brings to Parking Utility may not go to TPC as they can be addressed administratively by Parking Utility staff. Poulson does not recall the PCFPWD asking for guidance from TPC. Monks noted that if there was an item that was to go to the Common Council, they should do this through TPC.

Poulson noted that it has been a challenge to convince people serving on TPC to serve on PCFPWD as well. Tangney stated that the ordinance allows PCFPWD to communicate with other committees such as CPD, and some believe that this is a better route for communication. Tangney gave an example of the new courthouse and how parking for persons with disabilities was considered. In Tangney's experience with the PCFPWD, he has not seen any PCFPWD agenda item that originated from TPC. Tangney asked if parking around the newly constructed library has been reviewed by Woznick or Poulson; both Woznick and Poulson said they had not. Putnam stated that he had worked with City Engineering to locate the on-street spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. Tangney mentioned that he worked with Glozier to ensure that persons with disabilities were considered in the design. Monks asked if Tangney feels CPD can do all the work and perhaps PCFPWD is not needed. Tangney replied that PCFPWD advises CPD through his position as liaison to CPD. In his opinion, parking is a subspecialty of the CPD rather than the Parking Utility. Poulson stated that there needs to be some connection with parking and the Parking Utility. Weber said that no one knows everything; hence it can be helpful to have people from varied backgrounds who can add information and provide a more comprehensive understanding of issues.

Tangney said that this being more of an issue of persons with disabilities, he does not feel that the connection with the TPC has worked well. These are not issues primarily about parking; it has primarily been the Department of Civil Rights helping at the library site. Woznick said that parking for people with disabilities is less an issue than the issue of disabled rights. Tangney feels there is a different sensitivity between CPD and TPC for people with disabilities.

Kail said that she does not understand what the question is at this point; the PCFPWD can address the Parking Utility, TPC, and CPD as needed. Monks stated that the Parking Utility is under the City Traffic Engineer, who is responsible for on-street parking; this authority is defined by state statute. Weber noted that the PCFPWD did not solicit moving to be under a different committee. Tangney noted that he believes this is more a disabled person issue, and off-street parking is not handled by the Parking Utility. Monks noted that PCFPWD can advise Building Inspection on off-street parking issues.

Tangney stated that when someone is planning a project, they need a list of contact people, and PCFPWD is not on that list. Kail stated that after Dave Schaeffer died, there was a loss of connection for these issues, and the calls started to go to Building Inspection. Since there was not a Disability Rights Coordinator for a period of time, the needs of persons with disabilities was not well served. Kail asked if Glozier, the new Disability Rights Coordinator, should be the contact for advising Building Inspection. Monks said if PCFPWD invited Glozier to meetings, this could help with off-street parking issues.

Kail motioned to maintain the current structure of the PCFPWD, seconded by Tangney. The motion passed unanimously. Kail requested that Glozier attend a PCFPWD meeting within the next few months. Kail suggested that the Police Department do more training with Steve Pribbenow to increase the number active members reporting violations.

6. Discuss issue of snow being piled in Disabled stalls.

There was no discussion on this item. This item will remain on future agendas.

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

Weber suggested putting a request on City Channel to solicit interest. Tangney said that CPD is televised, and at the end of the meeting he made a request for people to serve on City committees, but received no response. Kail said that people with disabilities had to work hard to make progress for helping accessibility for people with disabilities. Many people today have what they need in this respect, so they are less likely to volunteer. Weber said that he believes there are numerous people who would like to serve, but are unaware of what they can do to be appointed to a committee. Tangney suggested that neighborhood newsletters could add a column for volunteer opportunities.

8. Committee members to present ideas for information to have Madison City Channel provide for event parking and what information to put into a video PSA.

Kail said that the public needs to be made aware of issues related to disabled parking spaces. Many people do not understand that the striped area is an access aisle. Putnam will request that City Channel staff attend the next meeting to discuss developing a PSA. Tangney asked if he should contact WISC Channel 3 to ask if they would do a PSA. Wagner replied that perhaps this could be done after they have first worked with City Channel.

9. [20218](#) Distribution list for Parking for Persons with Disabilities brochure

There are no new organizations to add at this time.

10. Other business for referral.

Discuss moving wheelchair symbol. Discuss incorrect disabled parking signage and outdated signs.

11. Assignments

Putnam will request a City Channel staff member to attend a PCFPWD meeting to discuss PSA needs.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tangney, seconded by Kunz, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.