



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Final

EOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Monday, January 9, 2006

4:00 PM

Parks Department Conference Room
Room 120, Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order, Ramona Natera presiding, at 4:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Ramona L. Natera, Bert Zipperer, Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd, Megin L. McDonell, Michael W. T. Howe and Steven H. Morrison

Absent: Daniel L. Ross

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Howe, seconded by Bayrd, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT--For information only. No action required.

Natera shared a letter of resignation that she would submit to the Mayor following the Executive Committee meeting. She thanked Commissioners for the privilege of serving. She feels that with the renewal of Zipperer and the appointment of Lucía Nuñez, now is a good time for her to step down and give her attention to her business and other commitments.

Morrison thanked Natera for her work and the excellent job she did representing the Commission. It was noted that appointment of a nominating committee would need to be added to the next Commission agenda.

Natera reported that she attended the last meeting of the Madison Police Department's Community Forum on Traffic Stops. She will meet with Ariel Ford to brief her. The Department indicated it will be focusing on hazardous moving violations. Police Chief Wray is working to diversify the work force. She stated that it was still difficult to have a straightforward dialog relative to concerns at these meetings.

Natera also met with Lucía Nuñez.

6. DCR UPDATE

On a motion from Morrison/Howe this matter was placed on the table.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

No announcements were made.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Substitute People First Ordinance (enclosed)

01853 Amending Secs. 1.08, 3.23, 3.35, 3.36, 3.38, 3.48, 3.51, 3.52, 3.59, 3.72, 8.35, 9.13, 11.06, 12.03, 22.14, 23.56, 27.05, 28.03, 28.04, 28.08, 28.11, 28.12, and 31.04 of the Madison General Ordinances to update references to handicapped and/or disabled utilizing People First language.

Howe expressed concern that the substitute ordinance is still remarkably complicated and does not appear complete. Concern was also expressed that the ordinance still refers to "citizens with disabilities" in the amendments to the Equal Opportunities Ordinance.

On a motion from Morrison/Howe the Executive Committee agreed to recommend that the Commission vote to approve the proposal so long as Section 5, paragraph 10 is corrected to change the word "citizen" to "people." Motion passed by acclamation.

6. DCR UPDATE (Tabled above)

On a motion from Howe/Morrison this item was taken off the table.

A substitute DCR ordinance was distributed. Ford reported that the substitute still needs work. The Board of Estimates has this item on their agenda, but will be asked to refer it for two weeks.

The Board of Estimates and the Executive Committee of the Commission on People with Disabilities are scheduled to consider Lucía Nuñez's appointment today. Nuñez will try to come to the EOC meeting this week. She met with the EOC staff on Monday.

Wick is handling Nuñez's calendar and has been assigned to update the DCR website.

The EOC is the lead referral agency on the DCR ordinance.

9. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Renaming of Squaw Bay

Discussion was held relative to the term "squaw" and why it can be offensive.

On a motion from Morrison, seconded by Zipperer it was agreed to recommend to the EOC that a recommendation be made to the County Board that the name be changed. Motion passed by acclamation.

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Absent: Daniel L. Ross

Excused: Michael W. T. Howe

b. Commission Attendance

Wick distributed an attendance chart for 2005 and ordinance requirements relative to attendance (attached to file minutes). The Committee reviewed Commissioners' attendance. Concern was expressed about the irregular attendance by Commissioner Tellez-Giron. Natera reported that she had made efforts to reach her to discuss her attendance, but had not been able to reach her. While her attendance in some instances has been excused, she has missed four out of the last five meetings. It was suggested that perhaps it is time to send her a formal letter inquiring about her ability to attend meetings. Ford will contact the Mayor's office about this matter.

10. REVIEW AGENDA FOR JANUARY 12 EOC MEETING

The Committee reviewed and revised the agenda.

Morrison stated that he does not believe the sick leave ordinance is an equal opportunity matter, and as with the minimum wage ordinance, he does not believe it should be the EOC's responsibility to enforce it.

Zipperer reported that he had asked about having the City's oath of office on the agenda because it uses the phrase "so help me God." He contacted Ford who referred the matter to City Attorney Michael May. May indicated via email that this is a State mandated oath and the City is without authority to change it. Therefore, Zipperer will not pursue Commission action on the issue.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Zipperer, seconded by McDonell, to Adjourn at 5:10 p.m.
The motion passed by acclamation.**

Minutes prepared by Cindy Wick, EOC Executive Assistant.