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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order, Nancy Kathman, Chair, presiding.

Present: 9 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Nancy R. Kathman; Lisa A. Jameson; Marie I. VandeBerg; Alice J. Fike; Ken W. Pritchard; Kory S. Tabor; William J. Tangney and Gregory B. Banks

Excused: 4 -

Mary P. Conroy; Robert P. Monahan; Pamela Erlanger and Randy G. Black

A motion was made by Banks, seconded by Tangney to take up File ID 11319 (formerly Agenda Item 12.). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[11319](#)

Accessibility of Polling Place and Voting

Deputy City Clerk Adam Gallagher presented as follows:

(a) one of his jobs is to oversee the accessibility of city polling places; (b) assessment for accessibility: in February all of the polling locations were assessed for accessibility; in September, chief inspectors and, in a few places, the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, did accessibility assessments; in November, the chief inspectors and/or the Clerk's Quality Assurance Team will be doing assessment checks and helping with polling place set up; (c) the clerk's office purchased supplies such as Bell Calls and tables that are the proper height for the Automark; (d) the clerk moved the Elver Park polling place because of poor lighting, and hopefully will move Gates of Heaven; (e) Gallagher answered questions regarding: training of poll workers Re: etiquette in assisting voters with disabilities, requesting accommodations for those who are deaf, blind, and low cognitive function, privacy screening for the Automark, permanent absentee voting and regular absentee voting, rights to vote for those with low cognitive function, and how to inform the clerk of problems with accessibility of polling places.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Fike, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve the Minutes of May 22, 2008 with the following corrections emerging in the subsequent discussion: (1) under item 10 paragraph 2, insert after 8 two bedroom: "and some three-bedroom units," (2) change the number of town houses from 15 to 5, and (3) in paragraph 5, change the word "visibility" to "visitability." The motion passed by voice vote/other.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Pritchard, to Approve the Minutes of June 26, 2008. Tabor requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect that Access to Independence does not provide funding for flashing alarms, for those who are deaf. Staff stated that she would review the tape. (A review of the minutes indicated that the minutes already reflected that information.) The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 4 -

Mary P. Conroy; Robert P. Monahan; Pamela Erlanger and Randy G. Black

Ayes: 7 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Nancy R. Kathman; Lisa A. Jameson; Alice J. Fike; Ken W. Pritchard; Kory S. Tabor and William J. Tangney

Abstentions: 2 -

Marie I. VandeBerg and Gregory B. Banks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Fike, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve the Minutes of July 24, 2008. The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 4 -

Mary P. Conroy; Robert P. Monahan; Pamela Erlanger and Randy G. Black

Ayes: 8 -

Nancy R. Kathman; Lisa A. Jameson; Marie I. VandeBerg; Alice J. Fike; Ken W. Pritchard; Kory S. Tabor; William J. Tangney and Paul E. Skidmore

Abstentions: 1 -

Gregory B. Banks

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

[09662](#)

Report from the Department of Civil Rights

Studesville was on vacation, and Bennett reported that she would make her comments at a later time on the agenda.

[09666](#)

Report from the Chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities

Kathman reported that she met with the DCR director, DR&SP coordinator, and Shoshana Asher, the CPD volunteer to outline the volunteer's project goals and objectives; she also met with the DCR director and DR&SP coordinator to discuss reorganization of the Executive Committee (meeting at 4:30 starting in October), to a smaller group whose task will be to set the agenda for the full commission meeting. She stated that Tangney, Black, Fike and Kathman are now members of the Executive Committee, with other members available to

work with the new CPD volunteer, or engage in other projects. The Chair also reported that Erlanger has volunteered to work with Asher on the accessible housing project in order to make up for the meeting time she has missed.

[09670](#)

Report from the Executive Committee

Fike reported that, in addition to what the chair discussed in item 5, the Committee requested that a representative from the Clerk's office attend this meeting.

[09672](#)

Report from the Parking Council for People with Disabilities

Conroy was not present, so there was no report.

[09671](#)

Report from the ADA Transit Subcommittee

Tangney reported that they discussed the Metro budget and the goal to maintain services, and perhaps to lock in gas prices.

[09664](#)

Report from the Common Council

Skidmore reported that the Common Council will be discussing the budget, and requested that the public participate and contact their alders with issues and concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Tangney, seconded by Banks to postpone File ID 09674 (formerly Agenda Item 7.) until after the break. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The commission then took up File ID 11705 and File ID 11706 before taking a break.

[11705](#)

CPD Volunteer Duties and Introduction of Shoshonna Asher, CPD Volunteer

The chair reported on the following: Asher's experience, her interest in social justice issues, and introduced Asher to the CPD. Asher reported that she was currently working on determining the availability and location of accessible rental units in the private sector, and determining questions to ask apartment owners. She stated that she was willing to work with any members of the commission on this project and could be contacted by e-mail at sascher@cityofmadison.com. She also reported that she would be researching availability of accessible duplexes and single-family dwellings, and also talking with those who build homes regarding accessible design.

[11706](#)

Snow Removal Plan Discussion

Staff reported that (a) the DCR met with several city agencies responsible for handling snow removal, (b) Metro representatives agreed to assist in updating the current intersection priority clearing list by: having their bus drivers identify intersections heavily used by those in wheelchairs, (c) Metro plus (paratransit) is a resource that people with disabilities can use, if they cannot use the fixed

route system in the winter time and (d) people with disabilities can use the city "Report A Problem" resource. Alder Skidmore discussed general snow removal issues on the periphery of the city, that also affect people with disabilities.

09674

Accessible Housing Goal

Tangney presented the results of the meeting with Olinger, Dorn, Asher, and Bennett focusing on making the Allied Drive town houses visitable by (a) removing the steps going into the first floor area and (b) rearranging and enlarging elements, such as the restroom, laundry, kitchen and closet areas on the first floor, (c) straightening the stairs so a chairlift could be installed, given that 2% of the population use chairs, and 4% use walkers or canes.

11707

Dane County Emergency Management Special Needs Registry

Staff updated the commission as follows: the registry is now named the Disaster Assistance Voluntary Registry; it is available to be filled out on the Dane County Emergency Management website; it has been presented to between 20 and 50 agencies; a marketing firm has been hired to assist the county in marketing the registry and evacuation planning in general; the next planning step is creating a special needs shelter. Banks and Jamison volunteered to be part of the marketing focus groups.

NEW BUSINESS

Roll Call

Commissioners Tabor and Jamison left during the discussion of File ID 12033, at 6:00 PM.

Present: 8 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Nancy R. Kathman; Marie I. VandeBerg; Alice J. Fike; Ken W. Pritchard; Kory S. Tabor; William J. Tangney and Gregory B. Banks

Absent: 1 -

Lisa A. Jameson

Excused: 4 -

Mary P. Conroy; Robert P. Monahan; Pamela Erlanger and Randy G. Black

12033

Executive Committee Membership, Function and Relationship to the Full Commission

Kathman presented as follows: the Executive Committee will be setting the agenda, while the function of the Full Commission will be to provide future agenda items, and to assign certain commission members to refine issues, rather than give the Executive Committee that task.

A motion was made by Banks, seconded by Fike, to Table this item until the next meeting, because Banks was leaving, and the meeting was going to lose quorum. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[10782](#)

Future Agenda Items

The Commission did not discuss this item.

[10783](#)

Announcements of Community Events

- Tonight there is an information and social group meeting at Access to Independence Re: supported agriculture, and alternatives to grocery shopping;

- Free Assistive Technology Expo 2008: October 2, from 10 to 3 at the UW Engineering Center Building, 1550 Engineering Drive

Roll Call

Banks left during the discussion of File ID 12033 and the meeting lost quorum.

Present: 6 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Nancy R. Kathman; Marie I. VandeBerg; Alice J. Fike;
Ken W. Pritchard and William J. Tangney

Absent: 3 -

Lisa A. Jameson; Kory S. Tabor and Gregory B. Banks

Excused: 4 -

Mary P. Conroy; Robert P. Monahan; Pamela Erlanger and Randy G. Black

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting did not adjourn because it lost quorum before any commissioner could move to adjourn.