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Meeting Minutes - Draft DOWNTOWN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 18, 2008

5:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson Jeremy Levin called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Mattke, Joy Kummerow, Jim Weinstock, Kevin Briski, Police Officer Grant Hummerickhouse.

OTHERS: One citizen.

Present: 13 -

Jeremy P. Levin; Troy A. Thiel; Ledell Zellers; Michael E. Verveer; Eli Judge; Daniel H. Chin; Rosemary Lee; Thomas C. Miller; Mary Lang Sollinger; Ted Crabb; Patrick T. McDonnell; Mary C. Carbine and Jim Mattke

Absent: 2 -

Sarah K. Reiter and Steve J. Amundson

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Judge, to Approve the DCC Minutes of 11-20-08 as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** No one registered to speak.

4. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Special Events (Kelli Lamberty). See handouts that were in your packet.

5. B. Mall/Concourse Maintenance (Joy Kummerow). See written report that was included in the packet.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Parks Superintendent-Kevin Briski

-Mr. Briski first thanked everyone for their volunteer work in the downtown area, and also thanked them for their work on revising the mall special charges formula.

-Mr. Briski then took questions from DCC.

-Question on major capital improvements for 2009: Peace Park will be built in 2009, and the visitor's center will be done in 2010. Tenney Park will have a new \$1.6 million shelter and they hope to break ground in April. Mary Lang Sollinger showed DCC a large picture of the new shelter and explained some of the background that lead to this new shelter.

-The level of service will continue in the 2009 budget for the Parks Division.

-On the management side, looking at how effective and efficient the use of our resources.

-James Madison Park has an allocation of \$200,000, and improvements include redesign of parking lot behind the Gates of Heaven, improve and reorient the basketball courts, shoreline improvements, and restroom accessibility.

-Capitol Neighborhood is recommending that the silos be removed, and to discuss the pros and cons of the location of the basketball court in relation to the Gates of Heaven. Tenney Park Neighborhood also recommended the removal of the silos.

-Verveer's dream is to expand the Mall Maintenance District to include the University Avenue. Briski said that buy in from the property owners is necessary first.

B. Parks Recycling

Parks Superintendent Kevin Briski briefly discussed the new parks recycling program.

-This item was discussed during the budget approval process.

-A team has been assembled.

-Also wishes to review the State Street recycling program and DCC input is welcomed. Open to the idea of 3rd party sorting. Eli Judge suggested getting some UW environmental students to help with the recycling program, and Joy suggested student volunteers as recycling monitors.

-Verveer would like to see more and better signage on the refuse containers. Some people are not sure to put what where.

-The BID would also like to be involved, and more and better communication is needed.

7. RESOLUTION

11560

Creating and implementing a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation and parking design for central Madison.

A motion was made by McDonnell, seconded by Zellers, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation to Place on File to the DOWNTOWN COORDINATING COMMITTEE, with the following recommendations:

1) Resolution #11560 should be incorporated into the "moving around" chapter of the Downtown Plan.

2) McDonnell will draft a letter to the Planning Division communicating item #1 above, with copies going to Olinger, Murphy, and Fruhling.

The motion passed by voice vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers.

The nomination sub-committee recommends the following slate of DCC officers for 2009:

Chairperson-Troy Thiel

Vice-Chair-Patrick McDonnell

Motion by Crabb/Miller to accept the candidate slate as presented. Motion passed.

Motion by Crabb/Thiel to extend appreciation to the 2008 DCC officers for their fine leadership during this past year. Motion passed.

B. Conflicts of Interest

-Miller needs an interpretation of the decision.

-Involvement on a committee does not necessarily mean a conflict of interest.

-On 9-17-02 the Ethics Board made a ruling and copies were distributed to DCC from Crabb.

-The DCC Chairperson should communicate with the City Attorney for an interpretation. The sub-committee is not a policy making body. The sub-committee was a researching group.

C. Pedestrian Safety. Moved by McDonnell/Carbine to move item 8C to the first item under new business. Motion passed by voice vote.

- Madison Police Officer Grant Hummerickhouse was present to discuss the pedestrian safety program.
- Officer Hummerickhouse has acted as a "duck" trying to cross as a pedestrian at an uncontrolled intersection, and in 45 minutes there were 10 violations.
- He is asking for pedestrian safety help from volunteers in the downtown area sometime in January to help make observations of pedestrians vs traffic.
- These volunteers will go out to the outer loop and observe to see if they are seeing the same things that the Police Department is seeing, and if it is true or not.
- There was some discussion on doing this during the winter, especially when students are gone on break.
- Crabb suggested an aggressive marketing plan first.
- Thiel thought the video should be included in the education of the public.
- McDonnell suggested that yield to pedestrian signs get put out on a trial basis, but use some baseline data before the signs go up to see if they are making any difference.
- Discussion about how different groups could ask Traffic Engineering to put out more yield to pedestrian signs. The asking can not come from just the Police Dept.

D. 2009 Goals (Reiter)

- Goals sub-committee was unable to meet due to a snow storm on scheduled meeting date.
- Motion by Miller/Zellers to move the DCC 2009 Goals to our next meeting next month. Motion passed.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

A. Cultural & Arts (Christiansen). No report.

B. Transportation (McDonnell) No additional report besides the resolution listed above.

C. Economic & Business Community (Lang Sollinger)

- Would like to ask Sarah Reiter to join this group, and are thinking about possibly joining and combining with another committee.

D. Living Downtown & Land Use (Thiel).

- Troy attended a downtown planning meeting.
- Motion by Miller/Crabb to extend the meeting an additional 10 minutes. Motion passed.

E. BID Activities (Carbine)

- The downtown holiday promotion went well.
- Shopping downtown had last minute holiday shopping.
- Downtown patrol officers now have additional patrol officers on duty.
- For construction updates see the handout for details or the December 18, 2008 BID report.

Motion by Miller/Carbine to extend the meeting an additional 5 minutes. Motion passed.

F. Capitol Neighborhoods (Zellers)

- Views of the capitol and the lakes from different locations from within the downtown area is being worked on.

G. GSSBA Activities (Lang Sollinger)

- The holiday planning was super.

H. State Street Oversight (Crabb). No report.

11. ROUND-UP (Information on downtown activities & happenings) No report.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS (Levin)

A. January 15: 2009 Goals, Yield to Pedestrian signage-David Dryer, Peace Park-Bill Bauer.

B. February 19: Downtown Library, Strategic Parking Plan.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by McDonnell, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.