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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, January 24, 2013

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Black at 5:00pm

Present: 9 -

Mark Clear; Mikael C. Snitker-Magin; Pamela Erlanger; Randy G. Black;
Anna P. Gouker; Nola J. Contrucci; Jeffrey S. Buhrandt; William J.
Tangney and Chris Hendrickson

Absent: 1 -

Betty Hicks

Excused: 2 -

Sarah L. Baebler and Kory S. Tabor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tangney to approve the minutes, seconded by Erlanger. Black made a correction to the the Chairpersons Report indicating that there was a training for accessible voting equipment held however he was not able to attend. Vote passed with correction unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1 [28777](#) Review of sidewalk snow removal procedures with George Hank

Attachments: [Snowy city walks pose problem for people using wheelchairs](#)

George began by explaining the requirements for snow removal under Madison General Ordinance 10.28, this ordinance requires removal of snow covering the entire width and length of a property owners sidewalk including curb ramps only to the face of the curb. Primary pedestrian corridors get the first priority and there is a fine of \$114 for a first offense and \$177 for a second or greater offense. If snow is not cleared after a property owner has been notified and ticketed the city will then bring in a private contractor to remove the snow at the property owners expense, the cost of which is added to the property tax bill.

George stated that he felt over all enforcement levels were sufficient, he explained that they have four inspectors who enforce snow removal and they will bring in addition inspectors for a total of eight on an as needed basis when they reach a backlog of one day. George also explained that some of the issue with this past large storm had to do with timing considering there were several holidays immediately after that impeded enforcement of removal. He also indicated that later in the season during the freeze thaw cycle removal of snow and ice was impeded by tyhe constant refreezing of moisture on the ground. George informed the commission that the city provides sand at severl city parks, these locations are listed in the winter portal website, additionally George provided methods to file complaints, stating that individuals could either file a complaint through the website or by contact building inspection at 266-4551

Commissioners discussed potential next steps which could include educational efforts around the publics responsibility to ensure paths of travel remain clear., a program similar to the "adopt a fire hydrant" program, and a citizen snow removal group. This last possible option would need to be vetted through the Office of the City Attorney, George seemed interested in investigatng this as a possible solution. The Commissioners decided that it might be worthwhile to begin drafting some educational materials in the form of a public service announcement regarding snow removal. A motion was made by Tangney to table this discussion until the next meeting and have Glozier draft some language for a service announcement. The motion was seconded by Contrucci, and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

2. [13520](#) Report from the Chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Black reported that He and Glozier would be doing a presentation on both the CPD and Disability Rights and Services Program to the Madison Post Polio Association in July.
3. [14714](#) Report from the Common Council

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Clear reported that at the end of last year the common council developed a legislative agenda for 2013. This agenda focuses on two primary topics; sources of revenue, and looking at the changing demographics of Madison. Clear stated the common council would appreciate input from the CPD on these topics.
4. [15340](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights

For information only. No action required. Lucía Nuñez, Director, Department of Civil Rights: Actions taken since the last meeting.

Glozier reported on several activities taking place within DCR. The Equal Opportunity Commission is looking at homelessness as a potential addition to the list of protected classes, this may be an opportunity to create protections for individuals who meet homeless status. In addition the disparity study that the Affirmative Action Division has been pursuing passed the council and is in the RFP development stage. These may be two topics the CPD may want to give input on. Additionally Glozier reported on the activities of the Disability Rights and Services Program, highlighting the healthy workplace presentation, library tour as well as new work being done with the Dane County Disaster Preparedness Committee.
5. [15341](#) Report from the Parking Council for People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

A motion was made by Erlanger to table all following items; seconded by Tangney. Vote passed unanimously. This Report was Tabled
6. [27668](#) Report from the ADA Transit Subcommittee

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

This Report was Tabled

7. [24056](#) Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

This Report was Tabled

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. [10782](#) Future Agenda Items

This Report was Tabled

9. [10783](#) Announcement of Community Events

For information only; no action required.

This Report was Tabled

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to Adjourn was made by Clear, seconded by Contrucci. Vote passed unanimously.