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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Paul R. Malischke; Sybil R. Better; Rosa J. Garner; Jennifer Rubin; Nicole (Nicci) Fite; Maribeth Witzel-Behl and Andrea R. Kaminski

Excused: 1 -

Mark Borns

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Better, seconded by Fite, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [23514](#) Voter Education on the New Voting Laws

Kaminski reported that students at UW-Madison are working with the League of Women Voters on voter education. Committee members talked about out-of-state students not realizing that they would need to surrender their out-of-state license in order to get an ID from the DMV, and that their car insurance may require that they keep their driver's license in their home state.

Kaminski mentioned that 34 states require a government ID in order to obtain a certified birth certificate. She also informed the committee that the DMV will need to see documentation like a marriage certificate for a voter whose current name does not match their birth certificate.

Malischke requested that a link be added to the City Clerk's Office website for the Madison City Channel presentation on voter ID.

2. [24188](#) 2012 Election Budget Proposal

Witzel-Behl reported that the Mayor's budget proposal included the City Clerk's Office complete request for election funding.

3. [24192](#) "Click & Mail" Voter Registration Available Online

Malischke reported that "Click & Mail" online-assisted voter registration will be available on Voter Public Access (vpa.wi.gov) any day. This new feature will verify the voter's address in the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS), give the voter the mailing address for the appropriate municipal clerk, and save the information entered by the voter for the Clerk's Office to verify in SVRS. "Click & Mail" will be available 365 days a year. When using this feature on Election Day, the voter would print the completed form and bring it to the polling place.

4. [24193](#) Civic Forum Scheduled for October 26

Witzel-Behl told the committee about the city's first ever Civic Forum to be held at the Urban League, 2222 S. Park Street, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26. The forum will begin with a presentation about serving on city committees, commissions, or boards, followed by a presentation on voting and voter ID. After the presentations, participants will be able to visit stations where they can register to vote, become deputized to register voters, sign up to become an Election Official, inquire about obtaining a state ID card, obtain an application and instructions for getting a birth certificate from any state, and apply to be appointed to a city committee, commission, or board.

Committee members suggested setting a goal for the number of Election Officials to recruit at the forum.

5. [24195](#) Report on the October 11 Mock Election

Witzel-Behl reported that splitting the poll book and checking IDs against a voter list at the door saved the most time at the mock election, but that signing the poll book took much more time than anticipated.

The committee suggested having a greeter at each polling place help prepare voters by instructing them to pull out their glasses and ID card while in line, and by reminding them that they will need to state their name and address at the poll book.

NEXT MEETING

6. [04353](#) Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Committee members agreed to discuss the following items at the November 9, 2011, meeting:

 - Legislative Update
 - Mock Election
 - Budget
 - Voter ID Outreach
 - UW Student ID Cards

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.