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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

5:00 PM

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

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present: 4 -

Gary A. Weber; Joanne Wagner; William J. Tangney and Fayth E. Kail

Excused: 1 -

Joseph P. Kunz

1. Approval of Minutes - April 23, 2013

Tangney disagrees with two statements. He disagrees with the statement at the end of the second paragraph, where Seymour states that 30 volunteers writing reports is not necessary in Madison.

Second, Tangney requested that the phrase under Agenda Item 3, "...so people outside the CPD and PCFPWD could not serve on the DPEAC" be removed from the minutes. Tangney said most members of DPEAC are not members of either committee, so this would be a change proposed by PD, not him.

A motion was made by Tangney, seconded by Kail, to Approve the Minutes as corrected. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. Public Comment - None

3. Disclosures and Recusals - None

4. Report by Madison Police Department representative Aileen Seymour regarding the operations of the Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council.

Seymour was not present to report.

5. Anne Monks, City Mayor's Office, to discuss possible consolidation of PCFPWD with DPEAC or other committees.

Monks said that she would like to learn more about PCFPWD member's thoughts. From what she understands, the PCFPWD is not that different from the Transit and Parking Commission subcommittee for Metro Plus service. In the case of the PCFPWD, parking issues for disabled persons is overseen by the Parking Utility and Staff with PCFPWD input and advisement. Tangney

said that the PCFPWD is supposed to respond to and communicate with the TPC, but in practice there has been little communication or items of interest between the PCFPWD and TPC.

Monks asked what members see PCFPWD's role as being. Tangney replied that the Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council began with training from Steve Pribbenow regarding parking violations related to persons with disabilities. PCFPWD is concerned with signage for parking for people with disabilities. Monks replied that on-street signage is the responsibility of City Traffic Engineering. Tangney said that off-street parking is also a concern, where businesses do not sign their spaces for parking for persons with disabilities, and Building Inspection has been involved in those locations. Tangney said that the PCFPWD is more attuned to parking requirements for persons with disabilities than City agencies.

Monks stated that City Ordinance is specific in identifying the role and responsibilities of the PCFPWD. Although the ordinance is written that PCFPWD responds to the Common Council, more accurately this should be the TPC. Weber stated that DPEAC members submit reports both for persons who do not have disabled parking plates or hang tags as well as those who do. Another area that PCFPWD members have commented on, is the design or signage of private lots, and noting where there are problems. Monks said this sounds consistent with the ordinance.

Tangney said that Weber's example of the South Madison Library show that there is a need for the PCFPWD. Tangney said that he is on the CPD, and that the new downtown library had deficiencies in design for persons with disabilities, such as the access to the outdoor area on the upper level. Glozier from Civil Rights discussed this with the designers of the area around the library. Tangney stated that from his perspective, it seems that developers are not given good guidance. Monks said that this sounds like it is an appropriate issue for Building Inspection and CPD. Monks stated that on-street parking is the purview of the Parking Utility, private lots are the purview of PCFPWD but are part of Zoning and Planning Commission's review process. Weber said he does not see anything unsatisfactory with the current situation, and does not know where this recommendation for change originated.

Kail said that she felt PCFPWD was standing alone, but Niesen suggested that PCFPWD should join with another group. Monks said CPD can already oversee these issues, but they do not spend a lot of time on parking with people with disabilities. Monks said that she was never contacted with the idea of changing the committee structure. Weber said that this particular group does not say something without researching the issue carefully. Kail said that the idea of changing the committee structure was brought to the PCFPWD; they did not solicit this change.

Monks said that she thinks the Mayor's office and Traffic Engineering are satisfied with the current structure of the committee's organization. Tangney said that he is hearing there is duplication of duties, and feedback from the PCFPWD is helpful. Tangney said that parking for people with disabilities is a specialty. There is talk about PCFPWD staying with TPC, but the PCFPWD has had little contact with TPC, and there has been more contact with CPD. Tangney stated that the responsibilities of the PCFPWD are such that they could provide guidance to other organizations, including the CPD. Monks

replied that PCFPWD should be contacting TPC and working with them. Wagner asked Tangney if he feels that PCFPWD should be with CPD. Tangney replied, yes. Wagner said that the Mayor's office sees the PCFPWD in a good place where they are now, the PCFPWD did not solicit a change. Monks said that wherever staff support is located, is where the committee is placed in the organizational structure. Monks said the PCFPWD should feel free to invite staff from different departments to speak to the committee. Monks said PCFPWD can review parking issues both on and off-street. If an issue is not directly under the Parking Utility, then Parking Utility staff can bring in representatives from different departments to discuss particular issues.

Kail said that since Schaeffer died, there has been a lack of guidance and communication for issues related to persons with disabilities. Kail asked Monks if she stated that the PCFPWD should be more involved with the TPC. Monks replied that if the PCFPWD has not felt connected to the TPC, they should request that a representative attend their PCFPWD meeting. Weber said that sometimes the PCFPWD needs to help relay information related to parking for persons with disabilities to the organizations that need it. Tangney stated that the City should consider having a single authority that can provide accurate answers to questions about issues related to persons with disabilities. Tangney added that it seems many different departments have some of this information, and the information is not always correct.

A motion was made by Kail, seconded by Weber, that the PCFPWD invite TPC representatives to attend a PCFPWD meeting. The motion passed. Monks replied that Tom Woznick, Parking Utility Operations Manager, and Gary Poulson, chair of TPC, could be contacted. Monks said that PCFPWD members can advise on who can serve on PCFPWD. Kail said that this has been a challenge; it has not been easy to find people to recommend and asked if other committee's members could also suggest who could serve on the PCFPWD. Kail asked if Monks would relay this request to other committees. Monks said she will do this, and asked that PCFPWD members also bring suggestions for new members to serve on the PCFPWD.

6. Seymour to explain enforcement of disabled spaces in private lots when disabled signs are not up to current standards.

Seymour was not present to report.

7. Discuss issue of snow being piled in Disabled stalls.

There was no discussion on this item; item will remain on future agendas.

8. Committee members to present ideas for information to have Madison City Channel provide for event parking and what information to put into a video PSA.

There was no discussion on this item. This item will be on the next agenda.

9. [20218](#) Distribution list for Parking for Persons with Disabilities brochure

There were no new organizations to add.

10. Other business for referral - None

11. Assignments

Putnam will contact Woznick and Poulsen to attend next month's PCFPWD meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tangney, seconded by Weber, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.