



# City of Madison

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Thursday, August 23, 2007

4:30 PM

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*The chair called the meeting to order at 4:30*

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mary P. Conroy, Robert P. Monahan, Michael W. T. Howe, Randy G. Black,  
Nancy R. Kathman, Alice J. Fike and Ken W. Pritchard

**Absent:** Paul E. Skidmore and Gregory B. Banks

*Commissioner Banks arrived at 4:34 p.m during discussion of this item.*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*None*

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2007**

A motion was made by Conroy, seconded by Black, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

**5. REPORT FROM THE DCR**

*Staff asked that the report regarding this item be postponed until the Director could be present.*

**Present:** Mary P. Conroy, Robert P. Monahan, Michael W. T. Howe, Randy G. Black,  
Nancy R. Kathman, Alice J. Fike, Ken W. Pritchard and Gregory B. Banks

**Absent:** Paul E. Skidmore

**6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CPD**

*The Chair reported that the EOC discussed the proposed Nuisance Ordinance, and were still in the process of reviewing it, as there were several drafts of the ordinance.*

**7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Fike reported that the Executive Committee discussed, in July, public education regarding the use of service dogs, accessible housing, and recruitment of young people and others for CPD membership, and, in August, discussed goals and objectives with HR staff.*

**8. REPORT FROM THE PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

*Conroy reported that the Parking Council is not meeting in August, and did not meet in July, so there was no report.*

**9. REPORT FROM ADA TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMISSION**

*Staff reported that*

*(1) there was no meeting in June or July of ADATS, and the August minutes were not yet available.*

*(2) From the AAC, in June, there was nothing specific regarding people with disabilities, other than information about the resolution to obtain information from the City about the gender, race, ethnicity and disability of those in top management positions and on committees, boards and commissions.*

*(3) In July, the AAC continued work on the resolution, and also discussed a draft letter opposing abolishing affirmative action that will be sent to the state special committee on affirmative action.*

**10. REPORT FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**Conroy moved and Monahan seconded to table this item, because Alder Skidmore was not in the room. The motion passed unanimously.**

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*a. Goals and Objectives: Recommendations from the Executive Committee to the full Commission.*

*Monahan reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the full Commission adopt the goal, and the strategies in connection with that goal, of enhancing the ability of those with disabilities to access adequate quantity, quality, and affordability of accessible housing.*

**Monahan moved and Conroy seconded that the CPD accept this goal and the strategies that are connected with it, developed through the discussion with HR staff.**

*The CPD proceeded to discuss this goal as follows: One member questioned whether this is an exclusive goal until we reach our goals and objectives, or until the CPD comes to some identifiable outcome. The Commission members responded that the CPD also discussed (1) that there were other activities such as transportation, and emergency management, but that housing was a place to start because of the housing conference that the mayor's office just had, and because of the extensive process necessary using the logic model to develop all of the elements for another goal, (2) there are no reports or data from (a) the housing conference, other than video tapes/streaming video of some of the sessions, (b) the numbers and quality of accessible privately funded homes, (3) it will be difficult for the CPD to pursue a goal when the information needed to tackle the goal is unavailable.*

*Monahan called for the vote, so that the CPD could decide if they wanted to pursue the goal, and then proceed to a discussion of the strategies. There was no vote on the above motion.*

**Monahan moved and Conroy seconded to adopt the recommendation of the CPD to pursue the accessible housing as the first CPD goal. Roll Call: Aye: Paul E. Skidmore, Mary P. Conroy, Robert P. Monahan, Michael W. T. Howe, Randy G. Black, Nancy R. Kathman, Alice J. Fike, and Ken W. Pritchard, No: Gregory B. Banks. Abstentions: none. Motion passed.**

*The Commission then proceeded to the discussion of what to do to achieve this goal.*

**Monahan moved and Conroy seconded that the full Commission direct the Executive Committee to arrange for immediate pursuit of this goal by scheduling a presentation to the full Commission regarding this issue, as they deem appropriate. Roll Call: Aye: Paul E. Skidmore, Mary P. Conroy, Robert P. Monahan, Michael W. T. Howe, Randy G. Black, Nancy R. Kathman, Alice J. Fike, and Ken W. Pritchard. No: none. Abstentions: Gregory B. Banks. Motion passed.**

*The Commission decided to have this item on the September agenda for the Executive Committee, with members of the full Commission contacting members of the Executive Committee with suggestions about the presentation for input, such as who can give the Commission information on this issue. They also decided that the public can contact the staff of the Commission with their suggestions.*

*Kathman recommended speakers from Commonwealth Development in Madison and Milwaukee who spoke at the Mayor's conference regarding integrating accessible housing into communities. Monahan suggested that the Commission members who attended the conference could report on the conference at the next CPD meeting. Banks, Conroy, Kathman, Fike, and Pritchard attended the meeting, and Monahan asked that they report individually, or in summary through one person.*

*The Chair requested that staff obtain VHS tapes of the conference for members to view. He also gave information regarding streaming video presentations from the conference available on the City's website, as well as the report regarding the conference made to the CPD in May.*

*b. Recruitment of Members, including Youth*

*Monahan reported that there was one young person who was interested, but had not submitted an application. Another member reported recruiting among parents of children with disabilities.*

*The Chair then gave information regarding who can apply and where to apply for membership on the CPD.*

*c. Ordinance Amending MGO 39.04 by Removing the Requirement for Representation by the AAC and the EOC on the CPD*

*The Commission mentioned the difference in the numbering of MGO 3.62 to MGO 39.04. Staff will send copies to all Commissioners regarding the new numbering on all DCR ordinances. Monahan stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Commission agree to the proposed ordinance.*

**06963**

Amending Sec. 39.04(2) of the Madison General Ordinances to modify the composition of the Commission on People With Disabilities.

**A motion was made by Monahan, seconded by Fike, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation.**

*d. MGO 39.04 Amendment Proposal: Educational Component Language Added*

*Chair stated that the Executive Committee rejected the proposed language for the following reasons: (1) the Commission wanted the amendment to be a separate item (f), (2) the specific language that the Commission wanted to accomplish the educational*

component was not included in the amendment before the Commission, and (3) that the proposed amendment does not include enough.

Kathman stated that perhaps the Commission's original proposal may have too large a scope for the Commission in the area of "provide training programs" while the Commission does provide information to the public--and this was already contained in (a) through (e). Staff clarified that providing education to the public appeared to be limited to areas that the City had jurisdiction over. Monahan stated that he was in agreement with this, but was concerned about the "education of the public" being hidden in (e) rather than a separate item (f).

Chair proposed a meeting with members of the Commission and the City regarding any further changes in the ordinance, or that the City Attorney come to the Executive Committee meeting.

There was a break for the Sign Language interpreter.

**Monahan moved and Conroy seconded to table this item. The motion passed by acclamation.**

The Commission asked to continue this as an item on the agenda.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

a. CPD Appointments to the Parking Council, ADATS and Rev. Dr. Martin L King Jr. Humanitarian Award committee

The Commission took up the item of these appointments as follows:

**Monahan moved and Fike seconded to request that Mary Conroy be reappointed to the Parking Council. The motion passed by acclamation.**

The Chair asked if there were any other members interested, or needed information about the other two appointments.

No one volunteered to be on ADATS

ML King Committee: No one from the Commission volunteered to be on the Committee. The Commission discussed the functions of this Committee as follows: comparing the criteria with the nominations for the award and select a recipient. The Chair announced that he resigned from this committee.

b. CPD liaison with AAC and EOC

Chair discussed: (1) the 2002 minutes of August and September that stated the CPD discussed having a liaison with the EOC. All members agreed to this, (2) that his appointment expired in April, 2007, (3) the Executive Committee decided to suggest to the mayor's office that someone from the CPD be appointed to the EOC. One member suggested that the Commission first find out whether the EOC wanted a liaison from the CPD. Howe stated that the EOC wanted the liaison, because he had been chosen to be the secretary of the EOC.

**Fike moved and Conroy seconded to nominate Howe as the liaison from the CPD to the EOC. The motion passed by acclamation.**

The Chair further stated that: there is no history of trying to do that for the AAC, and the ordinance mandating that this be done is being undone. There was no interest in nominating someone from the CPD to be appointed to the AAC.

**Fike moved and Banks seconded to return to this item during the discussion of**

**Future Agenda items.**

**Fike moved and Banks seconded to ask the staff to tell the Mayor about this decision. The motion passed by acclamation.**

*Mr. Howe clarified that this motion was meant to be directed to the DCR Director.*

*c. Meeting Ground Rules*

*(1) amend the meeting start time;*

*(2) Banks referred to speaking time limit of two minutes ground rule #2. He requested that the Commission add a minute or two for those with speech impediments, and the voicer to interpret. The Commission discussed this and decided to draft a sentence that would state that this sentence should not be construed to impose a time limit that would not respect a member's disability.*

*Other suggestions were:*

*(3) to have staff draft a statement for the beginning of the rules regarding reasonable modifications and;*

*(4) the rules state that these meeting ground rules are re-endorsed/re-adopted.*

**Monahan moved, and Pritchard seconded that the rules be re-adopted with the accommodation statement at the beginning. The motion passed by acclamation.**

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*The Commission had the following items for a future agenda:*

*(1) The problem of finding trained, qualified and affordable home health care providers within the City of Madison. The member who suggested it thinks that it is very important and is worth educating the public at a full Commission meeting.*

**(2) Monahan moved and Fike seconded to revisit item 12 (b) and to add the MPO meeting report and the DCR town hall meeting report to a future agenda. The motion passed by acclamation.**

*No Commission member was going to attend the MPO meeting, so staff volunteered to provide the Commission minutes from that meeting.*

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY EVENTS**

*The following items were announced at the meeting:*

*DCR Town Hall meeting: September 17, 2007: Catholic Multicultural Center, 5:30 to 7:00 PM*

*Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Public Hearing, September 5, 2007 Madison Municipal Building, Room 300: Development of the annual transportation improvement plan for the Madison Urban Area.*

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Banks, seconded by Black, to Adjourn. The motion passed by acclamation.**