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Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Monday, June 17, 2013

5:15 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 354 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -
Sally Miley; John Strasser; Scott J. Resnick; Mark Clear; Jeff Kostelic;
Matt Veldran and Al Matano

Excused: 1 -
Paul Rusk

Others Present: Travis Myren, Karin Peterson Thurlow

Chair Clear called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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Discussion of Internal and External Building Maintenance

Attachments: [Matano re CCB Maintenance Issues.pdf](#)

Matano distributed information outlining concerns with two issues: 1) the use of salt to melt ice; and 2) pesticide and herbicide use around the building. He also mentioned a non-environmental issue: the use of tape to affix signs on marble surfaces.

Myren indicated he would investigate the use of brine on sidewalks, much like

the county uses on roads. He also said that the use of herbicides and pesticides has been suspended. Regarding the signs taped to the outside of the building directing people to stay off the grates, Myren indicated that it was important to keep the signs because the grate are not stable enough to support the weight of a person. He will look into alternative approaches to signage.

Clear said there is insufficient bike parking in front of the building, on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd side of the building. Myren said that the bike parking is on the city side of the sidewalk. He will investigate the issue.

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Review of Consolidation Opportunities - Next Steps

Attachments: [City_County Program Comparisons.pdf](#)

Clear indicated that Paul Kronberger and Alder Resnick could address the issue of legislative tracking as a possible area of cooperation. Kronberger said he had attended a meeting regarding the county's legislative tracking RFP. As part of the discussion, the city spoke of its open data portal which private developers of applications can use. Some software products lend themselves more easily to open data portals and this might be something the county should consider.

Kronberger said the county is quite far down the road with an RFP that will meet the requirements of the county. The city plans to consider alternatives to Legistar in the future. A collaborative effort will not work, but the county could put a clause in the contract for the new system that would allow for a discount should the city choose the same system. Myren indicated city staff would be invited to the demos by the vendors that have submitted proposals.

Discussion ensued. Veldran wondered if the city and county had the same basic needs in legislative tracking. Resnick pointed out that work flows and committee structure is more complex for the city than for the county. He urged the county, when evaluating systems, to consider what proactive components are available to address future needs. The county should ask whether the software was created 2 years ago or 7 years ago; whether it can generate alerts or video or be accessed by hand held devices. Veldran stressed that citizens expect to see a system that is easy to access.

Discussion ensued regarding challenges with the city's system. Matano said that if he knows something was adopted, he would like to easily be able to find when it was introduced, the committee action, committee discussion, and disposition. Clear commented that it can be difficult if items are not entered in a consistent and systematic way. The city's system is not intuitive and is particularly challenging if one does not know the city's legislative process. Resnick said the city is two to three years away from investing in a new legislative tracking system. If the city and county were to have the same system, then they would need the same standards. Clear wondered if any system can handle two governments. Thurlow indicated that the county's RFP did not request this.

Clear asked if committee members had other areas for possible coordination that they would like to discuss. Veldran suggested the city and county could work together on road work, particularly maintenance like pot hole repair. Clear spoke of the city's experience with mowing and snowplowing and how it is now done geographically rather than by department. Clear suggested inviting city engineer Rob Phillips and county director of public works and transportation Jerry Mandli to the next meeting. He also suggested inviting Mark Woulf and Carrie Edgar to discuss food policy and initiatives.

Veldran wondered how remodeling of CCB space is accomplished. Myren said that the upcoming remodel of the first floor space was 100% county space, and

no common space would be part of the project.

SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

There was no other business before the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Matano, seconded by Miley, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.