



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Thursday, July 24, 2008

4:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order, Nancy Kathman, Chair, presiding

**Present:** 8 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Robert P. Monahan; Randy G. Black; Nancy R. Kathman; Alice J. Fike; Ken W. Pritchard; William J. Tangney and Gregory B. Banks

**Absent:** 1 -

Marie I. VandeBerg

**Excused:** 4 -

Mary P. Conroy; Pamela Erlanger; Lisa A. Jameson and Kory S. Tabor

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 26, 2008

The chair reported that there were no minutes available. The June 26, 2008 minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting, with the minutes of May 22, 2008.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Clark from the City Cable office discussed that: City Public Access TV channel will move from Ch 12 to Digital Ch 994 on September 16, 2008. Viewers will need digital TV service to allow them to get digital cable signals or should contact Charter Communications for a converter box. This information will be on the website.

### REPORTS

1. [09316](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights

For information only. No action required. Larry Studesville, Interim Director, Department of Civil Rights, and Angela Bennett, Disability Rights and Services Program Coordinator: Actions taken since the last meeting. 10 minutes

The Director reported as follows: 1) He introduced staff person Jack Franklin who will provide administrative support for the CPD; and 2) He has been

contacted by a person who wishes to work with DCR wherever needed. He will interview this person to help clarify his/her assignment. Angela Bennett reported that she is hoping to come back to work full-time at the end of the month.

2. [08487](#) Report from the Chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities

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

**Kathman reported that she attended the DCR Diversity Picnic and that Professor Richard Davis had been awarded the 2008 James C. Wright Human Rights Award.**

3. [11318](#) Report from the Executive Committee

For information only, no action required. Randy Black: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

**Black reported that the Executive Committee discussed: 1) having the City Clerk at the Commission meeting; 2) keeping the housing goal moving; and 3) addressing snowplowing issues: The Director said that a meeting has been scheduled with City departments that will address snowplowing for sidewalks and crosswalks for accessibility.**

4. [08122](#) Report from the Parking Council for People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Mary Conroy: Actions taken since the last meeting. 3 minutes

**Conroy was absent, so there was no report.**

5. [08489](#) Report from the ADA Transit Subcommittee

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

**Tangney reported that: 1) Metro was providing services above the minimum, allowing people to remain in their homes longer; and 2) coordinating bus services, and saving money through these efforts.**

6. [08125](#) Report from the Common Council

For information only. No action required. Ald. Skidmore: Actions taken since the last meeting. 3 minutes

**Skidmore reported that: 1) The Common Council approved full bus wraps for Metro, although he was against it; and 2) The Council is going into the Fall with a budget crisis. They may either have to cut costs or increase taxes as a result.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. [09674](#) Accessible Housing Goal

The chairperson announced that there were handouts on visitability available on the back table. Tangney: 1) described some floor plans proposed for the three-story townhouses on Allied Drive, for visitability only; 2) proposed making the townhouses visitable, and more accessible by rearranging the layout to enlarge the bathroom, consolidating the laundry and plumbing and ramping; and 3) thought this information should be brought to the attention of Planning. Fike offered to bring this information to the attention of the CDA board. Monahan inquired whether it would be appropriate for the Commission to make a motion to request that Planning do a cost-benefit analysis of a redesign.

The staff and commissioners discussed that: 1) only seven of the 110 units in the Allied development will not be visitable, according to current plans; 2) The rest of the units will be adaptable, and 5% accessible; 3) that it is reasonable to request the City to look at visitability in the townhouse units.

A motion was made by Monahan, seconded by Skidmore, to request that Planning Department to do a cost-benefit analysis consider a design change for all units, specifically townhouses, to include visitability. This motion passed by voice vote/other.

The Commission, after considerable discussion, decided to make a second motion.

A motion was made by Tangney, seconded by Black, to request a full accounting from Planning of all accessible, adaptable and visitable units and amended the motion to request an increase of the minimum numbers of fully accessible units from 5% to 10%. The motion and its amendment passed by voice vote/other.

The Commission then discussed whether to approve conclusion of the universal design materials provided by Black in the resources to be given to the city. The commission decided to postpone that decision until a later date.

8. [10780](#) DVR intern request

Covered under item 4.

## NEW BUSINESS

9. [11319](#) Accessibility of Polling Place and Voting

Staff reported that the City Clerk was unable to attend and will be invited to next Commission meeting.

10. [10782](#) Future Agenda Items

Identification of items to be placed on future agendas for discussion.

The Commission decided to put the following item on a future agenda:

- Follow-up on accessibility reports from CDA for Allied Drive

11. [10783](#) Announcements of Community Events

The commissioners announced the following event:

- The Triangle Ethnic Festival at Braxton and Regent on 8/17/08, from 11:00 am to 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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