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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Tuesday, July 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 5:10 p.m.

Present: 5 -

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

1. Approval of Minutes - June 18, 2013

A motion was made by Tangney, seconded by Kail, to Approve the Minutes.
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.

Niesen gave a status update on the review of the City committee structure. Police Department staff recently met with the Mayor and Civil Rights Dept staff, and discussed the Disabled Parking Enforcement Council. They looked at how it originated, and where it is at now. They also discovered that a number of the members' terms have been expired and cannot be renewed, as there is a maximum time that a person can serve. Kunz has been on the DPEAC since 2003 and his term cannot be renewed. Tangney and Kail are other members whose terms cannot be renewed. Staff reviewed how many reports they received; there were two last month. When the DPEAC was started, there was less police enforcement staff. The majority of the reports that PD receives are for people who have a tag but forgot to display it. PD withdraws those citations. The City Attorney, Mayor, and Police Chief have reviewed the history and current situation, and recommend that the DPEAC be disbanded for the present time. It could be restarted in the future if conditions change.

Citizens can report violations through the non-emergency dispatch number or online. Weber noted that members of the DPEAC could write reports and the police issue citations, but the violators are often gone before a parking enforcement officer can get to the location. Kail said that in the past, there was little available for enforcement of disabled parking violations. It was a good thing that this came about; it raised the awareness of the need with the Police

Department, and it makes sense to her that the DPEAC be disbanded. Weber asked why can't there still be a DPEAC and people writing reports? Niesen responded that the need for which the DPEAC was initially created no longer exists. PD has officers on duty 24/7, and they can address these issues with current police staffing. This will be going through the City Council for approval.

Weber said he will argue against this as the DPEAC can provide reports for citations to be written to help make people aware of their responsibilities regarding parking for people with disabilities. The police cannot catch everyone, and the DPEAC can help catch more violators. Niesen responded that in practice, there are very few violations reported by DPEAC members. Tangney asked how much staff time it takes to manage the DPEAC vs. staff doing the enforcement. Niesen responded that this is a concern; a parking enforcement officer must come off the street and review the reports. This does not seem to be an effective way to go about enforcing disabled parking violations. Tangney said that in his opinion, it was a good idea in the beginning and served a purpose, but now there are other ways to address these needs. Weber asked how many fraudulent hangtags have been confiscated. Niesen responded approximately two per week. Tangney made a motion to respect the recommendation made by the Mayor's office, Police Department, and associated groups. Kail seconded. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. Brad Clark from Madison City Channel to discuss ways City Channel can assist PCFPWD to distribute information.

Kail said that many people, even people with disabilities, are not aware that they cannot park in the cross hatched access aisle. She feels that this is an important topic to explain to the public. Kunz said that when he was in class at MATC, he made a public access video which demonstrated how disabled parking is used. Brad Clark responded that City Channel can produce a PSA or series of PSAs (30 second spots); they frequently do this for City agencies. Clark could review Kunz' spot. City Channel could also do a longer piece, possibly five minutes in length, that they could air and put on the City's website.

Tangney mentioned that alternative disabled parking locations during events is another topic that could be helpful to get out. Tangney added that there is also a need for more volunteers to serve on the PCFPWD, and asked if City Channel could get the word out about serving on City committees. Clark responded that it would be up to the PCFPWD to determine what information to distribute. Clark said he and his staff can work with Putnam to develop PSAs which they can run and also distribute to other stations such as Charter. Wagner said that a 30 second spot on access aisles is a high priority. Clark responded that with all these messages, contact information should be provided. Once it's clear what the message is, City Channel can come up with ideas to best get the message across. Kail asked what the time frame would be. Clark responded that he will have to check his staff's workload, meet with Putnam, and develop a concept to present to the committee. Clark suggests that it is best to work with one person.

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

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

7. **Committee members to present suggestions for potential new members of PCFPWD.**

Tangney suggested that City Channel could do a PSA for serving on City committees.

8. **Discuss incorrect disabled parking signage and outdated signs.**

Kail asked who they should report violations to if there is a wheelchair emblem on the pavement that is not sufficient or there is no sign. Putnam responded that Building Inspection should be contacted for issues on private property.

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Distribution list for Parking for Persons with Disabilities brochure

No new organizations to put on list at this time.

10. **Other business for referral.**

Lot 88 disabled parking during events and need for access aisles.
Acknowledge Parking Utility Staff that updated the disabled parking brochure.
Kail asked when current member's appointments are up.

11. **Assignments**

Putnam will check on current member's appointments. Putnam will work with City Channel on PSAs. Putnam to check on status of revising South Towne Library Disabled parking space.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tangney, seconded by Weber, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.