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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

5:00 PM

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

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order with Randy Black, Chair, presiding at 5:01 pm.

Present: 8 -

Mark Clear; Robert P. Monahan; Pamela Erlanger; Randy G. Black; Lorry Bond; Lisa A. Jameson; Marie I. VandeBerg and William J. Tangney

Absent: 3 -

Sarah Barber; Ken W. Pritchard and Gregory B. Banks

Excused: 1 -

Kory S. Tabor

Staff: Lucía Nuñez (Department of Civil Rights Director)
Chrissy Thiele (DCR Clerk Typist).

Guest: Bert Zipperer (Equal Opportunities Commission member)

Late: Sarah Barber (arrived at 5:08 pm)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ald. Clear made a motion, seconded by Erlanger, to approve the minutes with the following corrections: change fair to fare in item 3, Report from the ADA Transit Subcommittee. Motion was adopted by voice vote/other with Monahan and VandeBerg abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment was made.

1. [15340](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights

For information only. No action required. Lucía Nuñez, Director, Department of Civil Rights: Actions taken since the last meeting. 10 minutes

Nuñez reported on the following:

 - **DCR is working on producing a six percent reduced operating budget due Aug. 6th.**
 - **Alice Fike's position with the CDA was not as a liaison for the CPD, but an actual member to CDA Board. Therefore, there is no position to be filled with the CDA. The only way for the CPD to continue to receive reports from the CDA is to either become a member of the CDA Board or for Agustin Olvera or staff to come CPD meetings with quarterly reports.**
 - **Most parts of the Property Tax issue focusing on the housing accommodation have been fixed, with only a few other items still being worked on.**

Present: 9 -
 Mark Clear; Sarah Barber; Robert P. Monahan; Pamela Erlanger; Randy G. Black; Lorry Bond; Lisa A. Jameson; Marie I. VandeBerg and William J. Tangney

Absent: 2 -
 Ken W. Pritchard and Gregory B. Banks

Excused: 1 -
 Kory S. Tabor

2. [13520](#) Report from the Chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities

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

No report was made.

3. [15341](#) Report from the Parking Council for People with Disabilities

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

Tangney reported on the following:

 - **They are contemplating a new suggestion to reduce fraud use of Hang Tags by putting a photo of the user on Hang Tags, like a driver's license.**
 - **They have before Legislature corrections in the language of State Statute AB 125 and it appears to be going through.**

4. [09671](#) Report from the ADA Transit Subcommittee

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

Tangney reported on the following:

 - **The Subcommittee is trying to come up with one fare for everyone, regardless of the time of day, for the Budget Neutral Fare as a suggestion to the Transit and Parking Commission.**

5. [14714](#)

Report from the Common Council

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

Clear reported on the following:

- **Common Council approved on July 7 the redevelopment plan for the Badger Bus Depot. Council also directed City staff and the Mayor's office to explore issues and options for short and long term solutions regarding inner city transit. Staff will then report back in 60 days.**

6. [15462](#)

Resolution to Empower the Affirmative Action Commission, the Commission on People with Disabilities and the Equal Opportunities Commission to (a) Have Ordinances Drafted by the City Attorney; and (b) Directly Introduce Items to the Common Council for Action

Attachments: [Resolution to Empower the Affirmative Action Commission.pdf](#)

Zipperer reported that this resolution has been passed by the EOC and will be considered next month by the AAC. The resolution is drafted promoting the City of Madison Civil Rights, so the CPD is included in this. The resolution would give the EOC, AAC, and the CPD the power to have ordinances drafted by the City Attorney and introduce items to the Common Council for action without the usual support of an Alder or the Mayor, like the Personnel Board, Public Works Board, and the Planning Commission. The goal is to protect and promote civil rights and is not a negative attack on the alders or the Mayor.

The Commission discussed the following:

- This item currently does not have a sponsor, so technically it is not a resolution
- How this would affect how an ordinance is passed from the CPD, AAC, and EOC if this Legislation is passed by the Common Council.
- Cannot create ordinances which the Commission has no power on as designated in MGO, Sec. 39.04.
- Concerns of it shifting the power from democratically elected to a single authority
- The ability of commission/committee/boards to ask other alders other than the one assigned to them to be a sponsor of a Legislation
- Whether or not an alder supporting a Legislation of another alder's commission/committee is appropriate and true or a bridge of protocol
- The purpose and responsibility of alders on commissions/committees/boards
- How Common Council would perceive Legislation without an alder's support/introduction
- How the powers of the Public Works Board is for more mechanical purposes (e.g. street assessments, sewer replacement, etc.) whereas the CPD, AAC, and EOC are for policy purposes.

Monahan made a motion, seconded by VandeBurg to approve the Resolution to empower the AAC, CPD, and the EOC to have ordinances drafted by the City Attorney and directly introduce items to the Common Council for action. Motion was adopted by voice vote 5-4.

Absent: 2 -

Ken W. Pritchard and Gregory B. Banks

Excused: 1 -
Kory S. Tabor

Ayes: 5 -
Robert P. Monahan; Pamela Erlanger; Lisa A. Jameson; Marie I. VandeBerg and William J. Tangney

Noes: 4 -
Mark Clear; Sarah Barber; Randy G. Black and Lorry Bond

7. [14690](#) Proclamation to acknowledge Chris Felton's contribution to the CPD

Erlanger made a motion, seconded by Tangney to approve the proclamation for Chris Felton. Motion was adopted by voice vote/other. Lucia will work with Alder Clear to get it on the next Common Council agenda, to acknowledge her there.

8. [15463](#) Acknowledgement letter for Larry Studesville

Tangney made a motion, seconded by Jameson, to approve the Thank You letter to Larry Studesville for his service while serving as Intern Director. Motion was adopted by voice vote/other. Lucia will send out the letter after it has been signed by the Commission.

9. [14691](#) Questions and Pending Items for Alderman

A. Discussion and possible action on duties and roles of Executive Committee
B. Common Council action on process for 10% full accessibility in city funded apartments: Draft letter to Common Council and other appropriate agencies or referral to other Commissions and Boards

A. Alder Clear reported that he asked the City Attorney's office for their informal opinion of the Ordinance for CPD Executive Committee. They stated there must be an Executive Committee but that Committee does not have any statutory responsibility other than what is assigned by the full Commission. If the Commission decides they don't want an Executive Committee, they can assign no duties and no members to the Committee, thus no meetings will have to be noted. It would be considered on hiatus. A second option would be to have an ordinance introduced to eliminate the need of the Executive Committee completely and take it out of the ordinance, but that would give the Commission less flexibility, if the need for the Executive Committee comes at a later date.

The Commission discussed the following:

- If assigning the Executive Committee is necessary to approve the CPD month agenda or if the Commission should decided future agendas.
- Than most Commission/Committees do not have an Executive Committee
- The danger of the Open Meetings law with two or three members in a committee.
- The necessity of the Chair and Vice Chair being members of the Executive Committee as stated by the Ordinance.

Item was referred to next meeting.

B. Referred to next meeting.

10. [14048](#) 2009 Goals

Referred to next meeting.

11. [10782](#) Future Agenda Items

- CPD opinion on one fare for the Budget Neutral Fare
- 2009 Goals
- Questions and Pending Items for Alder
- Set up report with CDA staff for quarterly reports

12. [10783](#) Announcement of Community Events

For information only; no action required.

No announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Alder Clear made a motion, seconded by VandeBurg, to Adjourn. Motion was adopted by voice vote/other. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.