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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, March 27, 2008

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103A (City-County Building)

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Accessible entrance (automatic door opener, and drop off zone) on Wilson

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present: 8 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Robert P. Monahan; Randy G. Black; Nancy R. Kathman; Lisa A. Jameson; Alice J. Fike; Ken W. Pritchard and William J. Tangney

Excused: 5 -

Mary P. Conroy; Pamela Erlanger; Marie I. VandeBerg; Kory S. Tabor and Gregory B. Banks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Black, seconded by Fike, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 5 -

Mary P. Conroy; Pamela Erlanger; Marie I. VandeBerg; Kory S. Tabor and Gregory B. Banks

Ayes: 7 -

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

Abstentions: 1 -

Lisa A. Jameson

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

1. [09662](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights

Larry Studesville, Interim Director, DCR; Angela Bennett, DR&SPC: Actions taken since the last meeting. (10 Minutes);

Staff report to include: updates on (a) snow removal team activities, (b) Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and (c) Clerk's activities regarding access to polling places, and functioning of the Automark.

Staff presented on the above topics.

2. [09666](#) Report from the Chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities

Nancy Kathman: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

Kathman had no report at this time, but did report under future agenda items.

3. [09670](#) Report from the Executive Committee

Alice Fike: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

Fike reported on the discussions at the executive meeting regarding the accessible housing goal.

4. [09672](#) Report from the Parking Council for People with Disabilities

Mary Conroy: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

Tagney reported in Conroy's absence, that there was no quorum, so there was no report.

5. [09671](#) Report from the ADA Transit Subcommittee

William Tangney: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

Tangney reported on new buses purchased by Metro, and that the committee had a new member from New York, who provides a different perspective for the committee.

6. [09664](#) Report from the Common Council

Alder Skidmore: Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

Skidmore reported that the Council is spending money on snow removal and had passed a demolition ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. [09674](#) Accessible Housing Goal

Discuss and decide: (1) having a public forum, (2) finding an intern to gather accessible housing information, and (3) including accessible housing in neighborhood plans

This item was taken up after New Business, Community Living Alliance presentation, and the break for the sign language interpretation.

The Commission discussed the following: gathering accessible information from city agencies, other places and from Commissioners through the use of an intern funded by DVR or the Common Council.

Fike reported regarding her membership on the CDA long-range planning, and Tangney stated that he would gather information from Access to Independence, and CDA regarding level of accessibility in housing.

The Commissioners also discussed having an ordinance that allows breaking a lease if the person becomes disabled, and including a suggestion for development of accessible housing in neighborhood plans.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Monahan, to Refer this item back to the CPD Executive Committee. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Monahan, to Suspend the Rules and take up this item after the report of the Common Council. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [09669](#) Community Living Alliance (CLA) Staff

N. Anderson re: Creative alternatives for in-home assistance for those who do not qualify for medical assistance. No discussion of CLA specific services. (30 minutes)

Anderson, of CLA, discussed: (a) Medical Assistance (Medicaid), and the history of in home care, (b) many not qualifying for public assistance, in the past or currently, and the importance of calling to find out if someone is eligible, (c) family and friends, or "circles of support" providing in home care for 80% of those who need it, as well as respite for caregivers, (d) Home modification is

most difficult for these providers to do.

The presenter discussed that there will be, by 2012, a county run consolidated aging and disability resource center, and that 211 United Way is a resource for all sorts of services, training, volunteers, and is the place to start. She also stated that most of the caregiver training is done by family and friends, for personal care.

The presenter discussed ways to address the need for care giving, and how to prevent falling to minimize the need for it. She encouraged the use of senior center volunteers, independent living and aging specialists. She also discussed how to do background checks on potential caregivers.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission discussed adding the following to future agendas:

- Truax and Allied Drive housing redevelopment
- Snow and ice removal: Schumaker
- Pedestrian safety: Ross

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 p.m., a motion was made by Black, seconded by Tangney, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.