

# **City of Madison**

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# Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, October 25, 2012

5:00 PM

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**

Present: 8 -

Betty Hicks; Mikael C. Snitker-Magin; Randy G. Black; Anna P. Gouker; Nola J. Contrucci; Jeffrey S. Buhrandt; Kory S. Tabor and William J.

Tangney

Absent: 1 -

Mark Clear

Excused: 2 -

Pamela Erlanger and Sarah L. Baebler

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Tangney to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

# **DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

None

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **REPORTS**

2. Report from the Chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Black informed the commission that this upcoming weekend of October 27th the City Clerk's Office would be holding Automark training for people interested in utilizing the accessible voting equipment. This training will be held in the Clerk's Office

4. <u>15340</u> 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.

Nunez Discussed the Department of Civil Rights Budget. The DCR Budget for 2013 was accepted with the reinstatement of funding for the AASPIRE program. No budget ammendments were proposed and Nunez believes there will be no issue. Nunez also mentioned two other issues of note in the 2013 Budget, Metro's fare increase, and funding for the Overture Center.

Glozier reported on the past 2 months of work. Over this period of time Glozier has sent a letter to J.J. Maa the owner of record for Jamba Juice at 401 State St. regarding an informal complaint recieved in regards to the ramp at their entryway, and is currently awaiting a response. Glozier also noted that he has begun working with Parks to review facilities and services, in addition Glozier has been working with the Clerk's Office. At the last commission meeting Glozier presented the reports regarding polling place access at 11 polling places, since then a letter from the Government Accountability Board was recieved indicating our plan to remedy accessibility issues was accepted, however the City is still looking for a new location for the polling place currently at Gates of Heaven Synogogue but this would not be done before the upcoming election. Glozier also reported on meetings with Metro, the Community Development Block Grant division and the Fair Housing Council to discuss the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing program, as well as his meeting with the Mayor's Office.

Additionally Glozier discussed several recent trainings that have been presented to the Dane County Job Center and Goodwill Industries aimed at employment for people with disabilities.

# **ROLL CALL**

Present: 9 -

Mark Clear; Betty Hicks; Mikael C. Snitker-Magin; Randy G. Black; Anna P. Gouker; Nola J. Contrucci; Jeffrey S. Buhrandt; Kory S. Tabor and William J. Tangney

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3. <u>14714</u> Report from the Common Council

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Ald. Clear reported that the Taxi Cab ordinance has been resolved. The

ordinance goes into effect November 7th and will allow Taxis to cruise State St after for fares 10 pm. Clear was questioned as to whether or not service to Owl Creek was still in the budget, he confirmed it was and noted that the Council will hold budget hearings on November 13th and 14th, in which possible ammendments could be brought forth relating to both Owl Creek Service and the Bus Fare Increase issues.

Tabor questioned Clear as to the progress of the Union Corners development, Clear informed the commission that of the five original bids only the Gorman and Livesy/Stonehouse bids made it through the prebid process. He informed the commission that there will be another Union Corners Committee mtg on Nov 1st but he was unsure of the time as a location had not been determined.

15341 Report from the Parking Council for People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Tangney reported on the last parking council meeting, in which they discussed snow being placed in accessible parking stalls. This is an issue that they have looked into since last winter. Black inquired about the status of accessible parking fraud, The ordinance that recently passed increases the minimum fine. Tangney gav e examoples such as someone using a deceased person's tag or places, or an elderly couple parks in accessible parking but the disabled individual stays in the car while the nondisabled person runs in.

27668 Report from the ADA Transit Subcommittee

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

Tangney stated Glozier discussed the actions from the last ADA transit Subcommittee meeting and there was no additional information.

6. 24056 Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Nunez reported that Moran is no longer a commissioner and CPD needs to appoint another representative to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Committee. Contrucci offered to serve as liaison.

1. <u>27634</u> Discussion with Mayor regarding Disability Issues in Madison

Astra lheukumere was present in place of Mayor Soglin who was unable to attend this meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Iheukumere informed the commission that the Mayor's Office had requested to be involved in this

meeting in order to have an open dialogue about disability issues in madison. Iheukumere began by discussing the topics covered in a previous meeting with DCR and the Mayor's Office, which included state street sgnage, the issues of taxis on State Street, aswell as housing issues. At this previous meeting the Mayor indicated his concern with the lack of visibility and involvement of the disability community regarding issues that affect them. Iheukumere indicated that the Mayor felt the CPD had been more vocal on issues in the past and this was an interaction he missed. Black stated that he felt citizen activism changes with the times, and the disability community is taking other avenues to maintain activiy. A conversation regarding the issues of snow removal followed, which seems to be an ever present issue for CPD.

Hicks Identified some of the outdoor dining areas in the city as being potential issues, Gouker identified the lack of accessible door openers on businesses, Glozier made a point of clarification that the ADA does not require automatic door openers, and reserves exterior door pull weight for states to determine, which makes enforcement of this an issue. Gouker inquired as to ways to encourage businesses to increase access. Glozier noted that the best strategy is to point out that it increases the customer base and shows a good faith effort to be inclusive which often leads to increased business. Tangney extended an open invitation to the Mayor to join the CPD for any meetings in the future.

Black inquired about accessible housing as an issue, specifically the the resolution introduced and passed last year. Clear indicated this passed but had not had much effect, Glozier noted that a possible future agenda item might be the proposal of a visitability ordinance requiring certain single family homes to meet visitable requirements.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. <u>10782</u> Future Agenda Items

in upcoming meetings The Commission would like to address: How to go about filing Disability Complaints through DCR Election Follow up Bus Rapid Transit and Bus access issues and an update on the Central Library

Nunez noted that in the past the commission has been involved in walkthroughs of newly constructed developments to assess accessibility, and could be done at a later date for the Library Project.

8. <u>10783</u> Announcement of Community Events

For information only; no action required.

No Community Events were discussed

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Clear and Seconded by Contrucci to Adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

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