Mayor’s Advisory Committee for the Disabled Proceedings

: OFFICIAL MINUTES
(Corrected)

The meeting was held on March 13, 2012, at 4:05 p.m., at City Hall Building, 419 Fulton St, Room 203, Committee Member Roger Sparks, chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL
Roll call showed the following committee members present: Roger Sparks, Joy Kneebone, Teri Miller, John Block, John Williams, and Greg Speck – 7.
Absent: – Mike Van Cleve - 1. Also present was Staff Liaison David Watkins, Equal Opportunity Manager.

MINUTES
Committee Member John Block motioned to approve the February meeting minutes; seconded by Committee Member Teri Miller.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote

COMMUNITY INPUT
Committee Member Roger Sparks mentioned he received a complaint from a lady about the number of individuals parking illegally in disabled parking spaces. She wondered if it would be okay for her to place on the illegally parked vehicle a note she had prepared. Committee Member Sparks reported he advised her not to place note on vehicle, but contact parking enforcement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Publicity Committee
No Report

Events Committee
No Report
NEW BUSINESS

Notice of change in meeting day – Staff Liaison David Watkins told the members the notice published in the newspaper was last step in informing the community of the change in meeting date. He handed out to the members a copy of the newspaper section containing the notice.

The members asked how the general public is made aware that all meetings scheduled for room 404 have been temporarily to room 203. Staff Liaison mentioned he would have to check.

Brochures/Pamphlets – The members discussed the gathering of brochures and other pamphlets that can be distributed to individuals with disabilities to let them know what services are available to them.

During discussion, Committee Member Teri Miller questioned what the committee really wanted to do regarding brochures/pamphlets. She said it was her understanding the committee was to create a pamphlet, but based on Committee Member Spark’s comments it sounds like he is asking the members to collect and distribute pamphlets created by other groups. Committee Member Teri Miller said that idea is different from the one the committee initially discussed. Staff Liaison David Watkins mentioned Committee Member Miller’s question needs to be answered. The committee should clarify whether it wants to create a brochure/pamphlet.

As the members continued their discussion, they pondered what to do to become more visible to the community. Several members thought they needed a pamphlet informing the public about the committee. Staff Liaison David Watkins reminded the members a brochure had already been developed. A copy was circulated among the members. Upon examination several thought it explained what the committee was about, but it might need updating.

The members thought the idea of developing another pamphlet would also improve their visibility. The pamphlet would tell the community who to contact when seeking certain services.
Committee Member Greg Speck thought the committee’s mission as outlined in original ordinance should be the central focus of the brochure being developed.

**Roundabouts** – Committee Member Roger Sparks reported Councilman Dan Irving had contacted him about roundabouts. Committee Member Sparks said his research disclosed a federal lawsuit had been filed regarding roundabouts and the suit asserted they were unsafe for individuals with disabilities. He explained because the city was considering their use on some projects, Councilman Irving sought his opinion. Committee Member Sparks thought roundabouts should be used in industrialized areas. He was not supportive of their use in residential areas.

Staff Liaison David Watkins told the members he had copied a definition of roundabouts. He wanted to make sure the members knew what they were. Staff Liaison Watkins told the members if the council wanted their input it was important the members had information on the topic.

Committee Member Greg Speck asked if the council was going to take some kind of action on roundabouts at tonight’s meeting. Committee Member Sparks did not know if any action would be taken he just wanted to report back to the councilman before the meeting.

**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Member Teri Miller motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Committee Member John Block.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.