The meeting was held on July 10, 2012, at 4:10 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, Teri Miller, Joy Kneebone, Mike Van Cleve, Greg Speck and John Block – 6. Absent: John Williams – 1. Also present was Staff Liaison David Watkins, Equal Opportunity Manager.

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

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote

COMMUNITY INPUT
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Publicity Committee
No Report

Events Committee
No Report

MACD Brochure
The members reviewed the brochure prepared by Committee Member Teri Miller.

Committee Member Mike Van Cleve asked a few questions about the purpose statement. After some discussion, the members agreed to expand the purpose statement by adding the following second sentence.
“In particular the MACD serves as an informed advocate for the physically, mentally, and cognitively disabled community to help assure inclusion, non-discrimination, and accessibility.”

During discussion some other small changes were noted. Committee Member Mike Van Cleve volunteered to check the listed phone numbers to make sure they are correct.

Committee Member John Block motioned to approve the brochure with noted changes and corrections. It was seconded by Committee Member Greg Speck.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote

Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan and Updated ADA Transition Plan
Committee Member Roger Sparks mentioned he wanted the members to have a copy of both documents because they would help the committee members understand they are connected.

While discussing the Self-Evaluation Plan, Committee Member Sparks also raised the idea of meeting with the Pekin disability committee to learn what they were working on. The members were supportive of the idea. Committee Member Sparks asked Staff Liaison David Watkins to contact Pekin to explore the possibility of the two groups meeting.

After the joint meeting discussion, the members returned to discussing the ADA Transition Plan. Staff Liaison Watkins told the members that the Public Works Department brought the updated transition plan to the committee because they wanted to get the group’s support. The support being sought was the committee’s concurrence the plan was helping to make the city more accessible.

Committee Member Teri Miller thought since the plan has already been approved by the City Council there was no need to spend a lot of time on approving the plan. She motioned that the MACD support the updated ADA Transition Plan. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Joy Kneebone. Prior to the vote, Committee Member Greg Speck offered a friendly amendment. He suggested the motion be changed to say the
MACD accept the transition plan as approved by the City Council. Committee Member Teri Miller agreed to the friendly amendment.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Time Change
Committee Member Roger Sparks mentioned he talked with the Mayor and he expressed concern about getting disabled individuals on the committee. Committee Member Sparks reported he knew two citizens in wheelchairs who were interested in serving, but meeting at 4:00 p.m. was a concern. They relied upon public transportation and they wanted to be home by 5:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison David Watkins reported in his conversations with the Mayor’s office looked at who currently served on the committee and was only able to identify two members who self-disclosed they had a disability. Because the current ordinance says seven members must have a disability, this is why the Mayor and the committee were told the five openings had to be filled with individuals who are disabled. Staff Liaison Watkins mentioned if requirement was changed it would provide the Mayor with some flexibility.

Commissioner Teri Miller asked on the Volunteer Profile sheet was there a space to disclose if you have a disability. Staff Liaison Watkins mentioned the profile sheet does not ask the applicant to state if they have a disability. What typically occurs is the person volunteers the information.

As discussion continued, the members were told the Mayor does want a response to his request to consider reducing the required number of member seats filled by an individual with a disability. The Mayor believes the change will make it easier to place individuals on the committee.

Some members favored not changing the requirement for disabled members. The committee was told if they want to maintain the same membership ratio then it is incumbent on them to help the Mayor identify candidates to appoint.
Committee Member Teri Miller mentioned after reviewing past meeting minutes she thought twelve was too big and she thought having an even number was a problem as well. She thought the size should be lowered to nine.

Committee Member Teri Miller motioned to start the process to change the ordinance to reduce the size of the MACD from twelve to nine and lower the member requirement for individuals with a disability from seven to four. The motion was seconded by Committee Member John Block.

Motion was defeated with two voting in favor (Committee Members Teri Miller and John Block) and five voting against (Committee Members Roger Sparks, Mike Van Cleve, John Williams, and Greg Speck).

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Greg Speck motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Committee Member Mike Van Cleve.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote