Mayor’s Advisory Committee for the Disabled Proceedings

: OFFICIAL MINUTES

The meeting was held on August 14, 2012, at 4:10 p.m., at City Hall Building, 419 Fulton St, Room 404, Committee Member Roger Sparks, Chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL
Roll call showed the following committee members present: Roger Sparks - Chair, Teri Miller, John Williams, Mike Van Cleve, Greg Speck and John Block– 6. Absent: Joy Kneebone – 1. Also present was Staff Liaison David Watkins, Equal Opportunity Manager.

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

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote

COMMUNITY INPUT
Autumn Ostergaard and Pam McComb from PARC thanked the committee for the invitation to attend the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Publicity Committee
No Report

Events Committee
No Report

1995 Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
Chairperson Roger Sparks said like he mentioned at last month’s meeting the Public Works Department has to submit a transition plan for sidewalks and curb cuts. He mentioned having a talk with the City Manager and both thought there should be a way for the MACD to monitor to see that curb cuts are done correctly. Chairperson Sparks reported he could show the
members a number of curb cuts installed prior to 2009 with a one inch lip, which is incorrect. He suggested the committee could go out and check to see curb cuts are being constructed correctly. Committee member John Williams asked if the city had some process for inspecting work and if so could results be shared with the committee. Committee Member Mike Van Cleve thought it was not the role of the commission to go out and inspect the construction of curb cuts. Committee Members Greg Speck and Teri Miller also thought it was not the committee’s role.

Committee Member John Block wondered if it made sense to allow curb cuts to be installed wrong then spend more money to correct the problem.

Some committee members thought it a better approach to work constructively with the department to make sure future curb cuts are properly built.

As discussion continued more of a consensus emerged around the idea it is not the committee’s role to police construction that responsibility rest on the Public Works Department.

Parking Lots
Chairperson Roger Sparks mentioned when he joined the committee they use to receive complaints about lots being in non-compliance with striping or curb cuts. He mentioned parking as another example of areas he has received complaints.

Committee Member Teri Miller asked Chairperson Sparks if he received a lot of complaints. Chairperson Sparks said he has received some complaints. Committee Member John Block mentioned he received one about Wildberries restaurant.

Committee Member Teri Miller thought it would be helpful if the complaints were shared with the committee.

Meeting Time Change
Chairperson Roger Sparks asked if any of the members had any thoughts on changing the time. Several members said the four o’clock time still worked for them.
The members also discussed recruitment of new members. One of the ideas considered was the mailing of a recruitment letter. Chairperson Sparks asked Staff Liaison David Watkins to forward to the members the recruitment letter sent out by past chair Debbie Hannon.

Staff Liaison Watkins reminded the members that they owe the Mayor a response. He thought the chair should send the Mayor some correspondence explaining what the committee was prepared to do to assist in filling vacancies.

Work Plan
The members deferred discussion of this topic to the next meeting.

Guidelines for Accessible Bus Stops
Staff Liaison David Watkins reported the guidelines have been drafted. He explained CityLink will be gathering an exact count on the number of stops that are not currently accessible. After gathering the count will prioritize which locations need to be made accessible first based on the number of individuals with disabilities using each location. CityLink is also looking at funding options for the work.

Relocation of Bus Stop – Townline Road
Staff Liaison David Watkins mentioned progress has been made on moving the stop away from the bend at University and Townline Road. CityLink, City of Peoria, Peoria Production Shop and PARC have met and came up with a plan to move both the out and in bound stops directly across from each other and close to Peoria Production Shop. Staff Liaison Watkins reported a design of the new stops has been prepared. CityLink is working on getting funding for the project.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Work Plan
2. 
3.
ADJOURNMENT
Committee Member Greg Speck motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Committee Member John Williams.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote