Mayor’s Advisory Committee for the Disabled Proceedings

: OFFICIAL MINUTES

The meeting was held on September 10, 2013, at 4:20 p.m., at City Hall Building, 419 Fulton St, Room 112, Committee Member Roger Sparks, Vice Chair presided.

ROLL CALL
Roll call showed the following committee members present: Greg Speck, Roger Sparks and Teri Miller – 3. Absent: Joy Kneebone and Mike Van Cleve - 2. Also present was Staff Liaison David Watkins, Equal Opportunity Manager.

MINUTES
Committee Member Teri Miller motioned to approve the August meeting minutes; seconded by Committee Member Greg Speck.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote

COMMUNITY INPUT
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Publicity Committee
No Report

Events Committee
No Report

NEW BUSINESS
Disabled Parking Space Dimension Changes
Staff Liaison David Watkins mentioned at last month’s meeting the members had a lengthy discussion about changing the disabled parking space from 11ft x 5ft to 8ft x 8ft, but no decision was made. Watkins thought the Community Development Department wanted the Committee to render an opinion on whether to make the change. Committee Member
Roger Sparks thought, based on last month’s meeting, the Committee was to seek from other community organizations input on making the change.

Committee Member Teri Miller did not see any need to change from what was working. She motioned to keep dimensions of the disabled parking space at 11ft x 5ft. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Greg Speck.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Voting in favor were Committee Members Speck, Miller and Sparks.

OFCCP New Rules
Staff Liaison David Watkins passed out information on the US Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) new rules to improve job opportunities for individuals with disabilities under Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act and job opportunities for protected veterans under the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act.

Watkins told the members he was not familiar with the new rules so he could not comment on them. He just wanted to make them available to the members for review.

New IL Disabled Parking Law
Staff Liaison David Watkins passed out an article explaining the new disabled parking law passed by the State of Illinois. The law, which goes into effect January 2014, establishes a two-tiered system for disabled parking placards.

The members briefly discussed ideas on how to make the general public aware of new law. They decided to place the topic on next month’s agenda.

Meeting Start Time
Staff Liaison David Watkins mentioned the chair asked him to bring up for discussion the idea of changing the start time of the monthly meeting. She was making the request because it has become difficult for her to leave work early enough to make it by 4:00 p.m.
The members were reminded since the topic was not on the agenda they could discuss the idea but they could not take any action.

As a temporary step, Committee Member Teri Miller asked if it was legal to postpone the start of next month’s meeting to 4:30 p.m. Staff Liaison David Watkins thought it could be done, but he will check with the City Clerk’s Office.

**Other Topics**
Committee Member Roger Sparks asked that the nomination of new officers by placed on next month’s meeting agenda.

**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**
1. New IL Disabled Parking Law – Publicity
2. Nominations for New Officers

**ADJOURNMENT**
Committee Member Teri Miler motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Committee Member Greg Speck.