The meeting was held on November 13, 2012, at 4:05 p.m., at City Hall Building, 419 Fulton St, Room 404, Committee Member Joy Kneebone, Chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL
Roll call showed the following committee members present: Roger Sparks, Teri Miller, John Williams, Mike Van Cleve, Greg Speck, and Joy Kneebone, Chair – 6. Absent: – 0. Also present was Staff Liaison David Watkins, Equal Opportunity Manager.

MINUTES
Before taking action, Committee Member Roger Sparks pointed out on the attendance sheet Committee Member Mike Van Cleve was incorrectly marked absent.

Committee Member Teri Miller motioned to approve the October meeting minutes as corrected; 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
City of Pekin’s Mayor’s Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities
The Chair, Committee Member Joy Kneebone welcomed the members of the committee to the meeting. Present were Pam Anderson, Staff Liaison and City of Pekin Community Development Director, Terry Martin, Committee Member, James Kolzow, Committee Member and Libby Holbrook, Committee Member.

Pam Anderson reported by regulation the committee has nine total members. She also noted there is no requirement that a set number of seats be filled by a person with a disability. However, five of the current members do have a disability.

Committee Member Roger Sparks asked about the Card of Life program. The members were told, on an individual basis, people can use the program to alert first responders if they or anyone else at the residence has a disability.

According to Pam Anderson in Tazewell County individuals can pick up a card of life packet and provide their information directly to emergency personnel or they can go through the County Sheriff’s department to make their information available during dispatch.

Committee Member Roger Sparks mentioned he had discussed with Fire Chief Kent Tomblin doing something similar in Peoria. He brought up the new law requiring the Fire Department to be notified of residences that have oxygen tanks in them. Committee Member Sparks reported there was a recent fire where the department did not know a tank was in the residence and it exploded.

Committee Member Roger Sparks passed out a questionnaire he proposed someone with a disability complete. The questionnaire would gather information about their disability. He thought getting the public to complete this voluntary questionnaire would be helpful to the Police and Fire departments.

Committee Member Roger Sparks envisioned a disabled person would complete and submit the form to the fire department. When the department
was dispatched to this residence information about the resident’s disability would be provided.

As discussion continued about the questionnaire continued, Committee Member Teri Miller suggested adding a location to mail the form to. Committee member Joy Kneebone expressed concern some individuals would not want to complete the questionnaire. Others wondered about where the questionnaire should be circulated.

Staff Liaison David Watkins told the committee they needed to get a few more things worked out before circulating the questionnaire. Issues like who would be responsible for receiving and handling the questionnaire need to be resolved.

Committee Member Mike Van Cleve mentioned when this idea was discussed about 18 months ago the main difficulty besides implementation was fact checking. If someone lived at a residence for six months or a year then moved who would be responsible for following up to insure information is still correct.

As the discussion continued, the MACD members realized more preparation was needed.

Public Awareness Activities
The Pekin committee members discussed as awareness event held at a high school. The high school had a wellness event and the committee had a booth at this event. The students were asked to wrap a box using only one arm.

The members also mentioned doing disability presentations for the City Council and different civic organizations.

Disability Awareness Month
The MACD and Pekin discussed doing something collectively to increase awareness during the month.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

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**ADJOURNMENT**
Committee Member Teri Miller motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Committee Member Greg Speck.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote