Mayors Advisory Committee for Citizens with Disabilities
Proceedings

OFFICIAL MINUTES

The meeting was held on April 17, 2018, at 4:03p.m., at Peoria City Hall, 419 Fulton St, Room #404. Committee Member Laurie Atkinson, Chair presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following committee members present: Laurie Atkinson, Kaye Berry, Amr Elsamny, Doris Hayes, Ashonta Huddleston and Melynda McKeever – 6. Absent: Kendra Moses-Hagan and Mike Van Cleve – 2. Also present was Staff Liaison Scott Reeise, Public Works Director and Patti Pitcher, Recording Secretary, and Guest Conah Edwards.

MINUTES

Ms. Hayes motioned to approve the March 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Berry.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on Guidelines (Talking Points) for Meeting with Community. Possible Action

Ms. McKeever asked for any final feedback or revisions of the PowerPoint presentation. Other than adding the City of Peoria logo, no edits required.

Ms. Hayes motioned to approve the PowerPoint presentation content "as is" with the understanding the current City of Peoria logo will be added by City staff. Seconded by Ms. Huddleston.
2. Update on University of Illinois Main St. Project. Possible Action

Mr. Van Cleve isn't in attendance to update the Committee.

3. Goals for 2018. Possible Action

Ms. McKeever led discussion on the status of the three (3) 2018 Goals for the Committee which needed to be broken down into “S.M.A.R.T.” [Specific. Measurable. Achievable. Relevant. Time-bound] goals in order for the Committee to adopt them. [Hard copy distributed.]

Mr. Reeise offered for Staff to email the Goal assignments to the group as previously assigned for informational purposes only, with the understanding no discussion can result from said email due to the Open Meetings Act. Goals assigned as follows: #1, #2 – Ms. Hayes; #3 – Mr. Elsamny. No objections. Mr. Reeise said they will also be included in next month’s meeting packet.


Ms. Berry explained the introductory letter [hard copy distributed] to be sent to potential PKAH Project sponsors. All services and needs are being donated, but the group is in need of funds to purchase 8 to 10 costumes (approximately $125/each) for the kids. Media coverage is falling into place, including a donated billboard. Photo shoots will begin the end of May. There will also be a dinner mid-August 2018.

In addition to Peoria County kids with disabilities, the group will also work with kids who are bullied. As such, every six months they’ll hold an event of some kind.

Essentially, Ms. Berry is looking to the Committee for support, approval of the letter and volunteers. Discussion was had that volunteering for this project would be as individuals, not as members of the Mayor’s Advisory Committee for Citizens with Disabilities [MACCD] as that would violate the Open Meetings Act. All members
agreed they understood. Mr. Reese stated a Resolution of Support from the MACCD as a whole can be included in the May meeting packet. No objections.

Ms. Berry said to email her if interested in volunteering. The PKAH currently meets every six weeks at 817 SW Adams at 6:00pm, the next meeting being May 1st.

Mr. Elsamny motioned to defer this matter to next month’s meeting. Seconded by Ms. Hayes.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reese asked that members please confirm their email addresses and write down their phone numbers on the Committee membership list being passed around to ensure our records are up-to-date. A copy will be included in next month’s meeting packet for members only.

Ms. Berry asked about MacArthur Bridge access. Mr. Reese said he’ll request the Public Works engineer overseeing that project to attend the May meeting. In summary, though, there is an ADA path, for additional safety purposes the off-ramp was omitted and Saratoga is now a cul-de-sac.

Ms. Berry asked for clarification on meeting minutes posted (for next month’s meeting) that are not yet approved. Mr. Reese explained the word “DRAFT” is always in the upper right-hand corner of such minutes because Staff needs to provide all meeting packet information in advance so members can read and be prepared before the next meeting – whether that’s to formally approve the minutes or revise them. Once approved, the word “DRAFT” is removed and they become official record.
PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of the April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. EPIC Presentation – Suzi Finigan – “Spring Health Behavioral Health & Integrated Care”
3. MacArthur Bridge Access Update
5. Resolution of Support for Peoria Kids Are Heroes participation. Possible action.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hayes motioned to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Huddleston. Meeting adjourned at 4:40p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 8, 2018