Mayor’s Advisory Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

DISCUSSION NOTES

The meeting was held on January 08, 2019 at 4:06 p.m., at City Hall Building, 419 Fulton St, Room 404, with Committee Member Laurie Heinz, Chair presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following committee members present: Laurie Heinz, Mike VanCleve (arrived later), Kaye Berry, Melynda McKeever, Kendra Moses-Hagan, Ashonta Huddleston, and Terri Roark – 7. Absent: Doris Hayes, - 1.

Also present was Staff Liaison Dr. Farris Muhammad, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer.

MINUTES

Approval of December 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes with revisions highlighting the omission Committee Member Kaye Berry, speaking as a community member, discussion of road repairs.

COMMUNITY INPUT

No Community comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

• Addressing the concerns surrounding having additional special parking permits. Discussion surrounding the need to have additional parking for an upcoming special needs event. Dr. Muhammad explained that he reached out to Public Works Interim Director to learn more about the process. The conversation was tabled until Committee Member Mike VanCleve arrive to provide some additional details.

• MACCD Table banner is located in City Hall in the Mayor’s office if, or when, the committee needs it for special events.
Following up what is the city ordinance for back-in parking throughout the City of Peoria. Discussion around the complications for vans being required to back in to park when a passenger has a physical disability and a vehicle to accommodate.

Committee Member VanCleve mentioned that he is willing to take on the duties responsible to discover how to go about requesting additional special parking permit for an event. The parking policy is a fairly limited policy that covers the downtown area Committee Member VanCleve discussed.

A recap of how this parking concern surfaced was brought was brought to the forefront. It developed from a ticket someone received who did not back in due to having a disability.

Committee Member VanCleve mentioned that he will reach out to Traffic Engineer Nick to set up a meeting to further discuss parking issues.

Regarding Expo Fair parking, Committee Member VanCleve spoke with Katie, Director of Hear of Illinois Special Recreation Association, said that it could be beneficial to have special parking, but it is not something that her organization can take on during the moment. Katie recommended further discussion should happen with the Civic Center leadership and perhaps they can designate a special parking area.

Regarding 2019 goals idea, it was encouraged to focus on becoming a more visible committee. Having a meet and greet with organizations can help this be accomplished. Perhaps, create an ad hoc committee, in compliance with open meetings act, to help organize such an event.

What might be the role of the Committee to advocate for bus stops to be in specific places to pick (for example, advocating for City Lift to pickup outside of the Gateway building).

Discussion on a refresher course for Open Meetings Act tabled for February Meeting.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
1. Focus on 2019 goals (ad hoc committee)
2. What have City Link and City Lift changed in their policy
3. Sidewalk and road repairs
4. Conversation on refresher course on Open Meetings Act
5. Conversation on Council Meeting Attendance Requirements

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 12, 2018.