Mayor’s Advisory Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes
10 08 19

Opening
The regular meeting of the Mayor’s Advisory Committee for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order at 4:06 on 10 08 19 in Peoria City Hall by Dr. Farris Muhammad.

Roll Call
Present: Commissioners: Laurie Heinz (Chair), Doris Hayes, Ashonte Huddleston, Terri Roarrk, Erin Nowlan; Absent Commissioners: Mike Van Cleve, Kaye Berry. Quorum Established.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the last meeting are not available currently, nothing to approve.

Community Input
None.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Muhammad adds unfinished business from last meeting not on the agenda:
  establishment of goals once all vacancies are filled (Still Vacant).

Research on issues with City link Drop Off/Pick Up sites not being accessible/

OSF Ortho canopy height concerns—Commissioner spoke with OSF staff person Alicia, per Alicia the building is leased, Alicia stated that she would talk with her supervisor in order to contact the owner of the building. In the meantime, they will work with maintenance for a temporary fix.

Concerning Recruitment partners: Commissioner contacted CWTC, and Advocates for Access to provide information on the Committee, and available vacancies. Per Commissioner just sent the email today and has not yet heard back; City link ADA Commission has not been contacted. An email with an application from an interested party was sent out to Michelle King, but no response at this time.

New Business
Welcome new Commissioner Nowlan to the group. Commissioner Nowlan introduces self and explains part of the advocacy program for persons with disabilities; formerly with the office of state guardian.

Discussion of recruitment, commissioner inquires if the two positions are for disabled or non-disabled persons, Dr. Muhammad states that there is supposed to be 5:4 ratio but unlikely that someone interested would be turned away. Commissioner Nowlan states that on the City Website it does state that there are openings for two individuals with disabilities.

Plans and Goals for next year are discussed, per commission in 2018 goals were established for the committee. Due to changes and resignations new goals should be established, two of the existing goals were: 1) Increase knowledge of and participation in premise alert program which is under-utilized, 2) participate in 6 trainings—inviting community members to the committee meetings in order to learn who the committee is and what they are for.

Concerning Premise Alert: March Event—March Madness games for persons with disabilities. Concern that majority of those who expressed interest were from outside the area so it may not be relevant to signing up people in the area for premise alert. Premise alert program is a way that families can provide information to emergency personal that someone living in the home has a disability. What their disability is, where they are located in the house, to assist emergency personnel. In the past recommended that agencies register individuals but also want to reach persons living in the community with there families. Requested to know if it is possible to find out how many people are signed up in Peoria for the Program? Commissioner Nowlan states that she can follow up on looking into the numbers, and information about the program for other areas. Mike Van Cleve may have this information.

Discussed possible collaboration with DHS to get information out.

Discussion of Marijuana ordinance, and how to support people with disabilities in relation to the legalization. Clarification from Chair provided that the question is if persons with disabilities have questions on the ordinance—or how it applies to persons with disabilities. Per Dr. Muhammad there is still a lot of nuance in place as to how this will be handled—concerning location, production, etc. But there is supposed to be a difference in regulations between recreational use and medicinal use. There is still discussion as to where consumption can occur, etc. Dr. Muhammad shared that there are also considerations made on the method of consumption. Question on whether marijuana will be allowed in supportive living facilities. Dr. Muhammad shares that the topic of equity in conjunction with the legalization of marijuana has been discussed.
Dr. Muhammad states that if concerns exist from the community of persons with disabilities, it would be good to have a group/someone to bring those concerns to Council. Dr. Muhammad states that there does appear to be a lot of support for the legalization/ordinance amongst persons with physical disabilities.

Discussion that per DHS regulation certain prescriptions are not allowed to include marijuana. It is discussed that rules would have to be changed at that level. There is discussion around what the requirements will be for agencies, housing, etc that receive federal funding.

**Agenda for Next Meeting**
- Approval of September minutes
- Follow up on Cannabis (recreational) legalization questions.
- Invite Senior Attorney Chrissie Peterson to next meeting
- Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

**Adjournment**
Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm, by unanimous vote. The next general meeting will be at 4:00pm on 11/12/19, in Peoria City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Amelia Hufeld

Approved by: Name