Mayor's Advisory Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

DISCUSSION NOTES

The meeting was held on December 18, 2018, at 4:09 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, Kaye Berry, Melynda McKeever, and Kendra Moses-Hagan– 5. Absent: Doris Hayes, Amr Elsamny, Ashonta Huddleston, and Terri Roark - 4.

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

MINUTES

Approval of November 27, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Approval of July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

COMMUNITY INPUT

No one came forward to address the Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Heinz discussed the need to vote on having a table present at the Special Needs Fair that will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Civic Center. Vice Chair Person VanCleve added additional history and background regarding the event and the Committee’s involvement.

Vice Chairperson VanCleve explained that The Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association along with the Dunlap Special Needs Parent Association puts on a special needs fair in the 2nd week of March. There is an exhibition that is open to special needs children. Several schools, around 50 or more, from all over the state take field trips to the Peoria Civic
Center for this event. Over 91 organizations are involved with this event and it is free of charge to the community. It is a great opportunity for families of and individuals with disabilities to network and become better informed of resources available.

In the past, MACCD had a booth and presence at the fair and provided marketing materials to the community. MAACD has found it important to be present to connect with folks from all over the state and be resourceful to citizens while also connecting with organizations.

Committee Members held discussion surrounding the marketing materials that needs to be presented. Ensuring that the font is large on materials and that brochures are limited in the amount of text displayed, since many people will be receiving lots of materials to read.

Discussion on informing citizens in Peoria County of Promise Alert. In the past, it appeared to be more relevant to citizens from other counties outside of Peoria. Nevertheless, perhaps a brief survey can be provided to community members to see what they find to be most important in their lives that this committee can be of assistances with.

Motion made by Vice Chairperson VanCleve to have a booth space at the 2019 Special Needs Fair. Motion received a second and was approved.

**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

1. Discuss the possibilities of having additional special permitted parking at Civic Center for event
3. Focus on Goals for 2019
4. Open Meetings Act: Refresher Course
5. Council Meeting Attendance Requirements
ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE
February 12, 2018.