

Minutes

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities April 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Ken Rodgers at 4:36pm. Members, staff and guests introduced themselves. Committee has quorum with 8 of its 15 members present.

Members Present: Dorothy Balen, Michael Foster, Martha Hage, Donna Hemp, Omar Magana, Ken Rodgers, Amanda Tempel, and Joan Willshire.

Members Absent: Tracy Reid

Members Excused: Keith Swanson

Guests: Council President Barb Johnson, Ward 4; Philip Ailiff, Shaun Murphy and Peter Rickmyer.

Staff Present: Ahmed Muhumud and Cheyenne Erickson, NCR; Toby Broadrick, MPRB;

Approval of April 18, 2012 Agenda

Dorothy Balen moved to accept the agenda, Omar Magana 2nd the motion, all approved.

Approval of March 21, 2012 Minutes

Dorothy Balen moved to accept the minutes, Omar Magana 2nd the motion, all approved.

Guests

Philip Ailiff a member of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Shaun Murphy, staff to the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the City of Minneapolis Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator attended the MACOPD meeting and would like to work with the committee as it relates to curb cuts, ramps and sidewalks.

Peter Rickmyer explained to the committee that he would like the NCR department to stop funding neighborhood organizations that aren't complying to ADA guidelines. Peter also commented that the CPP guidelines exclude people with disabilities and those that speak a 2nd language.

Ward 4 Update, Council President Barb Johnson

Council President Johnson reviewed her ward boundaries and explained that with the new ward boundaries that were approved she will have new neighborhoods, McKinley and Willard Hay.

Council President Johnson discussed the Kingsley Commons a community that primarily houses those who have multiple sclerosis. The building sits near railroad tracks that serve as a main crossing area, it can be dangerous and wheelchairs have gotten stuck, however, no one has been hurt. She is working with the Neighborhood Organization, Public Works as well as residents to get additional infrastructure to make the crossing safer.

Member Comments:

- **Are the railroad tracks owned by the Rail Road?**
 - **Yes, it is federally chartered and the city cannot issue tickets.**
- **Can we get Keith Ellison involved?**
 - **Good idea, he would need a complaint made at the local level then the information shared with him and his office.**
- **Is there any new constriction in Ward 4?**
 - **Last summer the Ward had all of the sidewalks inspected and repaired, this year there is a mill and overlay project on 49th Avenue N, they will also install a new bike lane. Additional there was a sewer project that caused some disruption on the trails in Shingle Creek Park, ramps were put over the piping to allow for access.**
- **Will the overlay project include required things such as APS signals? The committee has been working with Public Works to understand the barriers to getting these necessary tools installed when these projects are being done. The prioritization tool that Public Works used is outdated. The committee is also working on another project along Central Avenue and having difficulty understanding why APS signals aren't being installed.**
- **Are there any outdoor events that will be happening in your Ward this summer?**
 - **Yes, Concerts will be held on Victory Memorial Drive, Bicycle rides and a Tornado Remembrance event to thank volunteers.**

Neighborhood and Community Relations Update, Ahmed Muhumed, NCR

Ahmed would like to address a comment made by Peter Rickmyer regarding the CPP Guidelines funding formula; it doesn't exclude people with disabilities and does require that neighborhoods follow the ADA guidelines. NCR staff will send the CPP guidelines to the committee members.

There have been 2 requests for reasonable accommodation received in the NCR department. They relate to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commissions Committee of the Whole meeting. NCR had been trying to connect with the person who needed the reasonable accommodation because the request came to the department via a 3rd person. It was requested that the NCEC Committee of the Whole meetings be audiotaped.

Much discussion was held regarding this topic, some committee members were concerned with the way the request was handled because the 1st request was made back in December of 2010 and felt that the accommodation should have been made regardless of how the request was submitted. Staff felt that the process needed to be followed and there had been attempts to contact the person needing the accommodation directly. Staff has agreed to begin providing quarterly reports to the committee regarding ADA title II requests for accommodation.

Ahmed also reviewed the communication plan for the ADA grievance procedure. A request was made for the plan to be delayed 1 month to allow for the committee to have more time to review and make a few improvements.

Elections for Officers and Executive Committee

Elections for three officer positions which are: Communications, Finance and At-Large member.

A motion was made to suspend the bylaws to allow for members to serve 1 year terms rather than 2 year terms. Joan moved to suspend the bylaws and Amanda Tempel 2nd the motion, all approved.

Communications: Michael Foster to serve 1 year term

Finance: Dorothy Balen to serve 1 year term

At-Large: Amanda Tempel to serve 1 year term

Minneapolis Park and Recreation, Toby Broadrick

Currently planning summer activities for the kids. There is going to be an Adventure program for kids with disabilities at Windom South park as well as Van Cleve.

Toby also reported that he went to check out the curb cuts down at St. Anthony Main and they are where they need to be. The section of sidewalk from 3rd to 6th street has no sidewalk across the street, there for there isn't the requirement to put in curb cuts.

Lee Perish Memorial

Lee's family is working on a memorial at the Bloomington Theater Rotunda. What should the committee do as a memorial of her work and time served on the committee? It was suggested that an award could be given out at the October meeting in her honor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.

Respectively submitted by Cheyenne Erickson.

Next meeting: May 16, 2012 - 132 City Hall.

Action List:

- Cheyenne will work with Amanda Tempel to get MNDOT to attend the next meeting.
- NCR staff will forward out CPP Guidelines and materials brought by Shaun Murphy.
- Ahmed Muhumud will provide quarterly reports on ADA Title II complaints or requests for accommodation to the committee.
- Access Committee will review neighborhood festivals.
- Access Committee will contact the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association regarding the 2012 Art-A-Whirl event and creating better access.
- Create an FAQ sheet for 311 CSA's to easily identify ADA issues.
- Create a communication plan with a timeline to notify public that ADA complaint forms are available.
- Michael Foster, Chair of the Access Committee will contact Dan Callaghan regarding the possible Trader Joes along Lyndale Avenue.

- **Provide a list of questions/best practices to CM Lilligren regarding the opposition of the use of salt to clear ice in the winter.**