

Minutes

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities April 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Omar Magana at 4:34pm. Members, staff and guests introduced themselves. Committee has quorum with 7 of its 10 members present.

Members Present: Omar Magana, Terri Krake, Heather Leide, Donna Hemp, Dorothy Balen, Harvey Hoffman and Joan Wilshire.

Members Absent: Amanda Tempel.

Members Excused: Steve Oglesbee, Ken Rodgers.

Guests: Lisa Larges and Peter Rickmyer.

Staff Present: Ahmed Muhumud, Lance Knuckles and Cheyenne Erickson, NCR.

Approval of April 17, 2013 Agenda

Heather Leide moved to accept the agenda, Donna Hemp 2nd the motion, all approved.

Approval of March 20, 2013 Minutes

Terri Krake moved to accept the minutes, Dorothy Balen 2nd the motion, all approved.

Council Member Samuels, Ward 5

Council Member Samuels reviewed the boundaries of Ward 5 and explained that the ward is changing due to the census results and the new Ward 5 will include the Hawthorne neighborhood in the next election. The addition of Hawthorne will make up for the loss of population; some of the population loss is due to tornado, some due to foreclosures and some for other reasons.

Council Member Samuels continues to work to keep the Ward 5 community safe and establish better schools to keep the constant trickle of residents leaving from happening.

Council Member Samuels has positioned the County and City Staff to work on ending the concentration of sex offenders in North Minneapolis. North Minneapolis as 90% of all Sex Offenders in Minneapolis. Council Member Samuels reported that the concentration was due to a law that said that sex offenders can only be located in areas that have the facilities to house them. Council Member Samuels brought a resolution that the City Council passed so that there is a more just way to distribute the placement of sex offenders.

Council Member Samuels also mentioned the many different Transit opportunities that are coming to the city. The new transportation modes have better access to the transit systems than on our current city busses.

Council Member Samuels wanted to get the feedback of the committee regarding the option of street long curb cuts, CM Samuels saw the idea in Sweden. It was done because they surveyed people and found at there were too many curbs that limited access to the sidewalks.

Comments:

- **Concerns with eliminating the square corner. A person with vision impairment may not be able to tell where they are crossing the street. There needs to be good tactile markers on where to cross the street and how to do it in a straight line.**
- **These curb cuts could also cause more accidents because people would cross anywhere instead of at the corner.**

Neighborhood & Community Relations Department, Ahmed Muhumud:

Lance Knuckles, a Neighborhood Support Specialist in the NCR Department and he discussed the Blue Print for Equity with the committee. The Blue Print for Equity is taking the department's business plan and operationalizing how we engage our residents around equity issues. The Disability community has a large role in this work. The NCR department would like to engage further with this committee. This is really an engagement tool to come to communities and ask the question of how they would see this working, how they see equity in their community. The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission will be helping us by engaging with

neighborhoods and community organizations. In the coming months, Lance will come back to the Committee to have a more intentional discussion about the Blue Print for Equity.

Ahmed Muhumud reported that he is working with 311 to get the quarterly reports in an accessible format. And is also working with neighborhoods to provide training on ADA, if any committee members are interested to help with the trainings, please let Ahmed know.

Ahmed will be going to the Great Lakes ADA conference in San Antonio in May and will miss the May meeting.

Comments:

- Do you have any estimate when 311 would have this data to share the committee?
 - 311 has the data but are currently working to get it into an alternative format.
- Apartment building buzz-in features that would allow a deaf person to use this option when visiting apartment buildings.
 - The department is working with the Regulatory services department to find a solution if there is one.

Elections:

No elections were made for the Communications Coordinator position.

New Applicants:

Lisa Larges: Lisa grew up in south Minneapolis and moved to California after college and returned to Minnesota in 2011.

Lisa is interested in access technology and is also currently serving on the advisory committee for the BRT that will go along 46th street to Ford Parkway. Lisa also serves on the ADA committee for the Cedar Cultural Center. Lisa is really interested in the City and would love to be involved in this committee.

Executive Committee:

Mayoral Candidate Forum

- **Task force members: Terri Krake, Harvey Hoffman, Dorothy Balen and Ken Rodgers.**
- **This forum is strictly to inform candidates regarding ADA issues.**

October Disability Month Event

- **Task Force Members: Donna Hemp.**

Strategic Planning Retreat

- **Cheyenne will send out a doodle with options for the planning retreat.**

Access Committee:

The Access Committee met with the developers of an apartment development. They have a question about their balcony doorways and their door manufactures have recommended a door seal that doesn't meet the city's accessibility codes. Still need to work with City staff regarding questions that arose after the meeting. The architect is going to provide some additional information to access committee members; they might not build the balconies if they can't get the doorway to meet code.

Elections Task Force:

Ken attended an election polling place meeting that was held by the City and County elections division. At the meeting they developed a long list of ideas, improvements, enhancements and issues that were encountered during our last heavy presidential election. All the ideas were written down and compiled. The elections department will decide what might be done to take these items into consideration to implement in the future. Ken will forward the list of developed topics that were identified to the full committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectively submitted by Cheyenne Erickson.

Next meeting: May 15, 2013 Room 132 City Hall.

Action List:

- **NCR staff to send out list of MACOPD committees and their membership.**
- **Access Committee will meet with 2013 Art-A-Whirl staff. (OMAR)**

- **Minneapolis Parking Ramps – Send a letter to all Council Members and Public Works staff. (KEN R.)**
 - Ken will also contact Margo to get information on Parking Ramps.
- **311 Mobile App – C-click fix will work with Ken to get input regarding voice over capabilities. (KEN R.)**
- **311 work group: Terri Krake, Amanda Tempel, Omar Magana and Ahmed Muhumud. Amanda will be the team lead. (Cheyenne will send Don Email addresses). Amanda will report on groups work at next meeting.**
 - 311 would like to receive feedback from MACOPD on what calls might be ADA related.
 - 311 to send ADA related scripts to MACOPD.
- **Revise ADA Grievance process document provided by NCR staff. (AHMED)**
- **Invite Metro Mobility to a future MACOPD meeting. (KEN and CHEYENNE)**
- **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 2013 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.**
- **Hold a Walking tour of the BF Nelson Park in the spring for committee members.**
- **Ahmed Muhumud will review other entities to see how they deal with grievances.**
- **Ken Rodgers will contact the Civil Rights director about the front lobby of the Civil Rights office.**
- **Find out process to appoint someone as the ADA Title I coordinator and recommend person for City to appoint and send a letter to the City Council.**