

Minutes

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities July 17, 2013

Ken Rodgers called the meeting to order at 4:32pm. Members, staff and guests introduced themselves. Committee had quorum with 5 of its 10 members present.

Members Present: Donna Hemp, Dorothy Balen, Heather Leide, Ken Rodgers and Joan Wilshire.

Members Absent: Amanda Tempel.

Members Excused: Terri Krake, Omar Magana, Steve Oglesbee and Harvey Hoffman.

Guests: Jeff Mihehich and Peter Rickmyer.

Staff Present:, David Rubedor, NCR, Lance Knuckles, NCR, Christina Kendrick, NCR, Cheyenne Erickson, NCR, Toby Broadrick, NCR, Michelle Kellogg, MPRB, Elise Neidermier, MPRB, and Greg Goeke, Property Services.

Approval of July 17, 2013 Agenda

Dorothy Balen moved to accept the July 17, 2013 Agenda, Heather Leide 2nd the motion, all approved.

Approval of June 20, 2013 Minutes

Dorothy Balen moved to accept the June 20, 2013 minutes, Joan Wilshire 2nd the motion, all approved.

Accessibility in City Owned Buildings, Greg Goeke, Property Services:

Greg Goeke shared with the committee that Property Services has requested \$200,000 in their 2014 budget to complete an ADA assessment of City owned buildings; an assessment has not been completed since 1995. The majority of City buildings are not in compliance. The ideal situation would be to rebuild the buildings entirely, but there have been many small updates in buildings as work-arounds. The City Council will decide the budget in mid-December.

Comments:

- **Parking Ramps that eliminated humans are inaccessible for people who cannot reach out of their vehicles to use the automated machines.**
- **The committee would like to invite Greg back next month to discuss the Parking Ramps issue further.**

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Update, Michelle Kellogg, MPRB:

Michelle Kellogg reported that she has been working with Park Board staff internally to focus on getting ADA notices on all announcement and staff trainings around sensitivity and the ADA law. They are also working on developing guidelines for internally produced events and will also make the guidelines available for external event producers. In addition, they are looking at possible CIP dollars for ADA improvements.

Comments:

- **Do park board buildings get used for elections?**
 - **Ken is working with the elections department and there are some accessible issues with some buildings that are being worked on.**

Meet the new Access and Outreach Manager and NCR Update:

David Rubedor introduced Lance Knuckles as the Departments new Access and Outreach Manager. He also shared that Toby Broadrick will be working with the department on a contract basis to assist Lance with ADA related issues as he transitions into this new position.

Lance shared with the committee his interest in working the committee and also shared his approach to engagement and accessibility.

David also introduced Christina Kendrick and Angie Hugen who are newer to the NCR department and shared how their work is important for the committee to be aware of.

Christina is the Senior Community Specialist and is developing the Minneapolis for a Lifetime Plan. The city has begun to take a closer look at the needs of our aging population and will create a Strategic Plan to make Minneapolis attractive place for seniors to age in place. A steering committee has been established that includes membership from multiple jurisdictions.

NCR and Regulatory Services have teamed up to help homeowners who are elderly, disabled, or low-income to address housing violations on their properties and bring these properties up to code.

The Housing Inspection Services division of Regulatory Services has dedicated a full-time employee, Angie Hugen, to assist the NCR Department in helping property owners understand the steps they are required to take when there are housing violations at their property. The City wants to help folks avoid escalating fines and take care of serious problems so they don't lead to the condemnation of their property. The goal is that code enforcement will not be a hardship, but a solution for resolving the problems with their property.

Comments:

- **Snow removal in the wintertime is still a large problem. The mayor is concerned with increasing enforcement because of how it may affect the elderly and disabled, but the lack of removal is an issue for the same group.**
 - **The City is looking at setting up a volunteer snow shoveling program.**
- **Not sure what the Healthy Senior Living goal means. The committee likes to use the word accessible; it seems to fit for both the disabled and senior community.**
 - **The goals are meant to be broad.**

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee will review the current applicants and make recommendations for the next meeting.

Access Committee: There was no July Access Committee. The permitting of Art Festivals and related work should be taken up at the access committee. Michelle, Lance and Toby will get together and discuss this issue.

Elections Committee: There are a couple of voting locations that will change in some of the high-rise buildings. There are a lot of people with disabilities that live in these buildings, if anyone knows any transportation options, please share them with Ken.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectively submitted by Cheyenne Brodeen

Next meeting: August 21, 2013 Room 132 City Hall.

Action List:

- **Invite Greg Goeke back to August MACOPD meeting.**
- **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.**
- **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.**