

Minutes

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities August 21, 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: Dorothy Balen, Heather Leide, Harvey Hoffman, Ken Rodgers, Omar Magana, and Amanda Tempel.

Members Absent: Steve Oglesbee.

Members Excused: Donna Hemp, Terri Krake, and Joan Wilshire.

Guests: Angela Can Den Hemmel and Peter Rickmyer.

Staff Present: Lance Knuckles, NCR, Cheyenne Erickson, NCR, Toby Broadrick, NCR and Atif Saeed, Public Works.

Approval of August 21, 2013 Agenda

Dorothy Balen moved to accept the August 21, 2013 Agenda, by moving up the NCR Update Agenda item to 5:00p.m., Amanda Temple 2nd the motion, all approved.

Approval of July 17, 2013 Minutes

Heather Leide moved to accept the July 17, 2013 minutes with the intention that the Action Item section will be updated by staff, Harvey Hoffman 2nd the motion, all approved.

Council Member Glidden, Ward 8:

Council Member Glidden shared with the committee information about a large event at the Martin Luther King Jr Park on _____. A march will begin at noon at Sabathani Community Center and will end a few blocks away at MLK Park where there will be a short program and jazz music. The community is coming together to march to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech.

The Seward Co-op is in the beginning stages of opening a new store on East 38th Street. The parcel of land they are looking to open the store is currently a church building that is for sale. The parcel of land

needs to be re-zoned to allow for the store to be built there and the process for re-zone calls for a lot of community engagement.

The City has also been preparing for negotiations with Excel and CenterPoint Energy on new franchise agreements for those utilities. The city wants to explore how Minneapolis could make progress toward its goals for sustainable energy, improved air quality, equity and green jobs. The City wishes to explore options to achieve its energy goals outside the existing franchise agreement structure and held a public hearing regarding the potential for municipalization of one or both energy utilities. The outcome of hearings led to the Council Member who proposed the municipalization of those utilities to withdraw their original resolution and propose a new resolution that was adopted by all 13 Council Members.

Comments:

- **Will there be an interpreter at the MLK Park Event? Did the event organizers identify a person who is accepting requests for accommodations and is that information listed on the event materials?**
- **What was the vote regarding the municipalization of the utilities?**
 - **The outcome of hearings led to the Council Member who proposed the municipalization of those utilities to withdraw their original resolution and propose a new resolution that was adopted by all 13 Council Members.**
- **Is access going to be a part of the negotiations with Excel and CenterPoint Energy? Sometimes where the equipment is placed on sidewalks can create access barriers.**
 - **Council Member Glidden will pass along this information to the property city staff members who will be working on the details of the franchise agreements.**
- **Both Excel and CenterPoint Energy need to be held accountable for the number of people with disabilities they employ. They should be reporting their company demographics yearly. Including all of the protected classes.**
 - **They don't currently provide that type of information. But they are a state monopoly and the State has interest in those items and so does the City. They have said that**

reporting information by city on issue's such as reliability is something that they are willing to do.

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.

NCR Update:

Lance Knuckles reported that he is has had a meeting with Civil Rights attorney Robin Hennessy on now Civil Right and NCR can work together to resolve ADA issues. Lance has also been meeting with the Clerks and Elections department regarding the upcoming election.

Lance, Toby Broadrick and Michelle Kellogg have been working on a series of strategies for permitted events. As an example, one strategy that is being looked at is a deposit for events, and if there are no ADA related issues, the permit applicant would get their deposit back after the event.

Lance is also continuing work on the universal complaint form, the grievance process and revitalization of the City's ADA network.

Comments:

- One issue with Civil Rights being first to review ADA complaints is the Civil Rights department has always been another method

of getting an issue resolved. It would be taking another step away.

Accessibility in City Owned Parking Ramps, Atif Saeed, Public Works
Atif reported that Public Works is interested in performing an audit of the City's Parking Facilities. Atif also reported that there haven't been any complaints that he was aware of and would like to take the committees input and devise a plan for a solution. Atif estimated that he hopes to have some recommendations and action plans.

Comments:

- One of the complaints that the committee has been made aware of is that individuals with no arms have no way to reach the machines.
- Also deaf people cannot access a staff person because they cannot use the call button feature.

October Event:

Members of the committee meet the week prior to discuss planning for the October event. The group is working on getting Greg Booker as the guest speaker.

The group also needs nominations for the awards, if you have any please send them to Cheyenne.

The time and location of the event will change; it will be from 5:30-8:30p.m. with an hour of mingling time from 5:30-6:30p.m. The group plans to invite all the Mayoral Candidates to the event with the idea that this will make them aware of Disability issues in Minneapolis

Sub-Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

Motion: Dorothy Balen moved to fill the 5 vacant seats on the committee with the 5 applications that were received, Omar Magana 2nd the motion, all approved.

Access Committee:

The access committee received a presentation from the 4th Street Station Housing project in Dinky town. There were some recommendations the committee made that are waiting to hear back on from the developer.

Taxi-Cab Task Force:

Mandy discussed the placement of braille cards in Taxi Cabs, she will look into this issue and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Other Announcements:

Toby is working on organizing “Accessibility Day” in 2014 when Target Field hosts the All Star Game.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectively submitted by Cheyenne Brodeen

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

Action Items from 8/21/13:

- **Send nominations for October Event Awards to Cheyenne.**
- **NCR staff will get Proclamation from the Mayor for the October Event.**
- **Follow up with 4th Street Station develop regarding recommendations from the Access Committee.**
- **Taxi-Cab Task Force will follow up with updates regarding placement of braille cards in Taxi Cabs.**

On-going 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.**