

Minutes
Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities
June 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Ken Rodgers at 4:34pm. Members, staff and guests introduced themselves. Committee has quorum with 5 of its 9 members present.

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

Members Absent: Tracy Reid

Members Excused: Michael Foster, Omar Magana and Keith Swanson

Guests: Council Member Robert Lilligren, Ward 6; Harvey Hoffman, Steve Oglesbee and Peter Rickmyer.

Staff Present: Cheyenne Erickson, NCR; Judy Schwartau and Grace Wachlarowicz, City Clerk – Elections; and Toby Broadrick, MPRB;

Approval of June 20, 2012 Agenda

Dorothy Balen moved to accept the agenda, Joan Wilshire 2nd the motion, all approved.

Approval of May 16, 2012 Minutes

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

Ward 6 Update, Council Member Robert Lilligren

Council Member Lilligren gave overview of current ward boundaries and explained that transportation is a major priority of his and the reason he ran for office. There has been a major community response for safer intersections along Park Street. Now there will be a fully signalized intersection at 27th and Park. The City is also involved in the complete streets movement, currently there is no policy in place, but there are large components being worked on.

Council Member Lilligren is also an advocate for transit and alternative transit. The City received a grant for street cars and it will be important for this body to be involved. Lake and Nicollet will be re-opening up and the street car line will travel through. There is also

work that will be done to improve how the interchange at Lake and 35W acts. The improvements include a large multimillion dollar transit station.

Member Comments:

- Will 27th and Park have APS signals?
 - Yes!
- Has there been discussion about reducing speed on Park Avenue?
 - Yes, speed has been a large part of the discussion.
- Will the intersection have a white fire light?
 - Yes, most likely.
- The white flashers are not intended to change the signals; they are for deaf/hard of hearing people to see when emergency vehicles are coming.
- It is important to have dual elevators in the 35W/Lake street station.
- Do you work with metro mobility? A friend is being denied access to the service on her birthday.
 - Not directly. Your friend should appeal to metro mobility.

Motion: Amanda Tempel moved to request formal representation on any advisory committees for upcoming transportation projects such as the Street Car Project and the 35W/Lake Street transportation hub. In addition the MACOPD would like formal representation on any advisory committees related to the Vikings Stadium and the Target Center improvements. Martha Hage 2nd the motion, all approved.

City Clerk – Elections Office – Judy Schwartau

The City of Minneapolis has secured Help America Vote Act federal funding through the Minnesota Office of Secretary of State for the installation of electronic door openers at eight Minneapolis Park and Recreation Centers: Audubon, Longfellow, Bryant Square, Farview, Pearl, Whittier, Van Cleve, and Painter Park.

In addition, city election funds were used to purchase portable electronic doorbells for two private facilities that are high-rise residences. A temporary doorbell provides controlled easy access to these polling places that respects the security requirements of these private buildings, and can be moved to an alternative door or a polling place as necessary. Judy showed the doorbell to the committee and asked for input on its design.

Judy also reviewed the election judge training and asked for input from the committee. Their suggestions are as follows:

- Are both slides #4 and #5 necessary? They seem repetitive.
- Do you have people to assist the blind when voting?
 - Yes, there are two party election judges to help.
- Is there curbside voting? It would be a good idea to get the word out to people that it is available.
 - Yes, it is included later in the training.
- Changes were made to the quote on the last slide. “Allow us the dignity to get the task done. If we need assistance we will ask.” – MACOPD.

Member Comments:

- The doorbell should have braille on it.
- Think about the placement of the doorbell and making sure it is easy to find.

Community Connections Conference

NCR staff briefly spoke about the Community Connections Conference that was held on February 11th 2012. The MACOPD participated and hosted a workshop intended for neighborhoods and organizations to learn about ADA policies and how to be inclusive. The Committee would like to be involved in future conferences.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation, Toby Broadrick

The Stone Arch Arts festival was held last weekend and the setup of the tents was not accessible. Toby visited with the event planned the day before the festival to suggest a set up that would be more accessible. There is no regulatory language that regulates ADA issues at festivals.

Motion: Amanda Tempel moved to request that the City of Minneapolis collaborate with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to have regulatory language as it relates to ADA for festivals. Dorothy Balen 2nd the motion, Martha Hage abstained, approved.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee: Mike Webber is trying to get an exemption to a rule, he like the recommendations from the committee, they are being re-written and giving additional suggestions. Access committee members also visited the new Lund’s store, there are no lowered

counters or options to sign checks or give electronic signature. Spoke with the store manager and corrections will be made.

Treasurers Report: The MACOPD account has \$871.77 in it.

Emergency Preparedness Committee: The group finalized the second video; this video is intended for community and other religious organizations.

Guests:

Harvey Hoffman introduced himself to the committee. Harvey is interested in becoming a member of the committee and is involved in several disability groups. Harvey suggests including a deaf person on the Vikings Stadium group.

Announcements:

ADA Celebration Notice: July 26th 1:00-3:00pm at UROC 2001 Plymouth Avenue, N Minneapolis.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.

Respectively submitted by Cheyenne Erickson.

Next meeting: July 18, 2012 - 132 City Hall.

Action List:

- 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.
- NCR Staff will invite David Rubedor to attend next MACOPD Meeting.