

**Minutes**  
**Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities**  
**July 18, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Ken Rodgers at 4:35pm. Members, staff and guests introduced themselves. Committee has quorum with 6 of its 9 members present.

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

**Members Absent: Omar Magana**

**Members Excused: Keith Swanson**

**Guests: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7; Terri Krake, Heather Liede and Peter Rickmyer.**

**Staff Present: Cheyenne Erickson and Ahmed Muhumud, NCR;**

**Approval of July 18, 2012 Agenda**

**Dorothy Balen moved to accept the agenda, Mandy Tempel 2nd the motion, all approved.**

**Approval of June 20, 2012 Minutes**

**Mandy Tempel moved to accept the minutes, Dorothy Balen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved. Remove Michael Foster as Chair of the Access Committee.**

**Ward 7 Update, Council Member Lisa Goodman**

**Council Member Goodman reviewed her Ward boundaries and explained that downtown will be split and half will be in a different ward and the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward will gain a few new neighborhoods such as Cedar Isles Dean and East Lake of the Isles. The new Ward boundaries are similar to those in 1997.**

**Council Member Goodman also thanked the committee for their work regarding Peavey Plaza to be the voice of reason and to help the full council understand the issues. It is a good example of the work of an advisory body.**

Council Member Goodman also suggested the Committee review the CLIC reports to see what projects will be coming up in the next year. It would also be a good idea for someone from this body to serve on the CLIC committee.

Council Member Goodman also discussed the new Vikings Stadium with the committee. She explained that she has very strong negative views and had hoped they had a better process than was used for the twin's stadium (which was a really good process).

**Member Comments:**

- Very often there is a late night delivery to the Super America in the strip mall along Hennepin and the truck blocks the curb cuts, what can we do to get the truck to move?
  - There are beat cops in the area, let them know of the problem.
- Will the curb cut on 9<sup>th</sup> and LaSalle be a part of the improvements?
  - Cheyenne can review the CLIC report to see if that will be included.
- There are no audible signals on Nicollet Mall and it's very hard to know when it's safe to cross.
  - What is the priority of the APS signals there? Is
    - It is the responsibility of the City to be accessible and the mall doesn't rate high enough on the prioritization tool that the City uses. The tool needs to be revised. When the tool was created, there was a difference of opinion in the Blind Community.
- How can we work with your office to ensure that the APS prioritization tool gets fixed?
  - This is a City wide issue; you should speak with all Council Members.
- The MACOPD would like to be involved with the Target Center renovations.

**Neighborhood & Community Relations Department, Ahmed Muhumud**  
Ahmed reviewed the ADA Title II complaint report and requests for accommodations. There is one open complaint and it involves a woman who requested an accessible space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for access to the elevator. Hennepin County says they have adequate reserved spaces and the reserved accessible spaces are on the first floor, the

accessible spaces on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor are first come first serve. They are also said that if she were to receive a reserved accessible space she would not get the discount she is receiving for her current reserved space.

The Department is also visiting all neighborhood organizations and assessing their buildings for physical accessibility. We are about 1/3 of the way finished with 30 out of the 71 neighborhood organizations visited.

**Member comments:**

- The current spot she is in is not accessible to her; there shouldn't be any problems with her receiving the space she is requesting.
- This individual deserves the same discounts as all of the other persons with disabilities who are granted the discounts.
- Concerned with the language that is being used to describe the issue. This person does not "want" an accessible space, they are requesting one.
- If there are unused spots, it is not clear why this persons request is not being met.
- Concerned that this person might lose their job if it is difficult for her to access the elevator and navigate the parking ramp.
- What is the process in the City for requesting alternative formats for City Bills?
  - An individual would have to contact the specific department to request it.
- How does the City get the word out that alternative formats are available?
  - The City uses the language block on bills and other letters such as housing violations or other important information.
- Can there be a prompt added for ADA requests when people are calling 311?
- The 311 report is not accessible.
  - Cheyenne will discuss the report with Ken.

**Motion:** Amanda Temple moved that the committee recommends that this grievance be referred to the Human Rights Commission and that Commission reports when the issue is resolved. Joan Wilshire 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Access Committee:** There is a new project in the warehouse district that has a store on the bottom of the development. They are meeting with the developer on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Treasurers Report:** The MACOPD account has \$811.57 in it.

**Emergency Preparedness Committee:** The group finalized the second video.

The group also discussed a possible speaker for the October Meeting. Ken will contact Greg Booker.

**Guests:**

Heather Liede, Ward 11 is interested in serving on the Committee. She is an architect with a passion for accessibility. She also lives with a service dog.

Terri Krake, lives in South Minneapolis, she met Ken Rodgers at an ADA Minnesota meeting and got interested in serving on the Committee. She is passionate about working with Police Departments in identifying and working with people with disabilities after an incident she had with them and the way she was treated. She is also passionate about working on access issues for people who have service animals.

Peter Rickmyer explained that after a grievance he made regarding the accessibility of the Jordan Area Community Council office space they have now moved to a new office and are saving \$1,000/mo. in rent. He also stated that he hasn't been noticing the ADA notice on their meeting notices, the NCR Director said that they must include that, JACC said that it isn't a requirement.

**Announcements:**

UCARE Health Fair on August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Earle Brown Heritage Center. Matthew Stanford is speaking.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

Respectively submitted by Cheyenne Erickson.

**Next meeting: August 15, 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.**
- **Cheyenne Erickson will work with Ken regarding the 311 Reports.**
- **Cheyenne Erickson will follow up to see if the curb cut on 9th and LaSalle will be fixed in the CLIC report.**