

Minutes
Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities
September 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Omar Magana at 4:33pm. Members, staff and guests introduced themselves. Committee has quorum with 7 of its 9 members present.

Members Present: Ken Rodgers, Michael Foster, Martha Hage, Omar Magana, Amanda Tempel, Keith Swanson and Joan Willshire.

Members Absent:

Members Excused: Dorothy Balen and Donna Hemp.

Guests: Jared Erdmann, Haila Maze, Bill Fellows, Terri Krake, Heather Leide, Albert Walla, Steve Olgesbee and Peter Rickmyer.

Staff Present: Ruth Kildow, Cheyenne Erickson and Ahmed Muhumud, NCR; Toby Broadrick, Minneapolis Parks.

Approval of September 19, 2012 Agenda

Mandy Tempel moved to accept the agenda, Martha Hage 2nd the motion, all approved.

Approval of August 15, 2012 Minutes

Keith Swanson moved to accept the minutes, Omar Magana 2nd the motion, all approved.

Above the Falls Health Assessment Impact, Jared Erdmann

There is plan being created to develop the upper riverfront that will extend walking and biking trails further up the river. The purpose of the Health Assessment is to look at how the health of the community would be impacted by the changes. The Health Department has been at the table to start to evaluate the Health related issues that are already a concern or may be a concern. There has been good collaboration between the Health and City Planning departments. There has also been much work with the Above the Falls Advisory Committee.

There will be a public forum on October 16th at the Minneapolis Park Board Headquarters.

Member Comments:

- **There needs to be more attractions such as kayaks to get people to the area.**
- **What happened to the kayak area?**
 - **Funding needs to be secured. Currently there is no funding available to include the Kayaks.**
- **There has been much engagement with the Neighborhoods, hadn't heard about the sidewalks that will be on east of the site. There are also many bikers, both manual and power that use the area.**
- **What is the assurance that you are reaching out to those who can't see.**
 - **We were hoping that we can get contacts through this committee to do additional outreach.**
- **When thinking about including art, it's also a good idea to include tactile art.**
- **The survey seems to be targeting one type of accessibility, how does the space incorporate other types of accessibility needs?**

Draft Public Works Evaluation and Transition Plan, Bill Fellows

Public Works began a self-evaluation this year. Plans, programs, trainings, maintenance procedure and physical infrastructure will all be evaluated. Pedestrian ramps are key elements that the City needs to evaluate.

There are 1500 pedestrian ramps - each ramp has 30 data points that need to be checked. Currently they are 99% complete with the inventory across the City. Overall the ramps are in good shape but there are a large chunk that are not up to the most recent standards. Public Works would like to seek this groups help to determine what is functional.

Member comments:

- **There are problems on Central Avenue with the curb cuts and ramps. There is also obstruction on the sidewalks.**
- **Look at Central and 8th street to East Hennepin.**
- **There should be a policy review as part of the inventory. A review of the curb cut policies should have flagged the need for the review if the new curb cuts are going in wrong.**

- There is a huge disconnect with policy and who is doing the work on the street.
- The transition plan needs to identify the disconnect.
- The Pedestrian Advisory Committee has a document, have you reviewed that?
 - Yes, Public Works is aware of the document.
- New committee members can join the Transition Plan Task Force.

Neighborhood & Community Relations Department, Ahmed Muhumud

There will be complementary tickets for the One Minneapolis One Read Main event. Let NCR Staff know if you are interested in attending.

NCR is working with the Civil Rights Department to ensure that grievances are streamlined and are having discussions about moving the grievance review to the Civil Rights department and NCR focus on awareness and education.

NCR would also like feedback on the Grievance Forms that were sent to the committee.

Member comments:

- There seems to be a missing step within the grievance process that was outlined. Its seems like people are going from just needing help to having to file a complaint.
- The forms use grievance and complaint in the same sentence and it is confusing.
- There needs to be common language used in these forms. It would be a good idea to find what other cities use.
- The readability of these documents also need to be addressed.
- There needs to be a distinction on the form of what's public and what's private data.
- There should be two separate forms that are different color for complaints vs. grievances.

Action: Review other entities to see how they deal with their grievances.

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, Toby Broderick

There is a meeting set up to discuss the accessibility issues of fesitvals. Will report back next month with updates.

The 3rd event for Adults with Disabilities Windom South Festival will be held on September 29th.

BF Nelson park now has accessible pathways. The Victory Dog park is also accessible now. There is a new park coming in the Lyndale Farmstead neighborhood.

Actions: Hold a Walking tour of the BF Nelson park in the spring for committee members.

Member comments:

- **It should be recommended to the Council that there should be fines for noncompliance.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Respectively submitted by Cheyenne Erickson.

Next meeting: October 17, 2012 – 333 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.**
- **Review other entities to see how they deal with their grievances.**
- **Hold a Walking tour of the BF Nelson park in the spring for committee members.**