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Meeting Minutes - Draft MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 -

Rosa J. Garner; Paul R. Malischke; Sybil R. Better; Valerie A. Brown and
Maribeth Witzel-Behl

Excused: 2 -

Marlena G. Deutsch and Bob Ohlsen

Janet Piraino was present on behalf of the Mayor's Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Malischke, seconded by Garner, to Approve the Minutes from the March 11 meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [07988](#) Polling place accessibility.

Witzel-Behl reported that, between the February Primary Election and the April Spring Election, the Quality Assurance Team inspected all City of Madison polling places for accessibility on an election day. The Clerk's Office has ordered additional AutoMark tables and bell calls for at the polls, and the City Disability Rights Coordinator is currently reviewing all of the accessibility surveys.

2. [08437](#) City Clerk's Office budget for 2008.

The committee noted that the Common Council would consider amending the Clerk's Office budget the following week, to add funding for the hiring of a Deputy Clerk.

3. [10127](#) April 2008 Election Debriefing

Attachments: [Spring 2008 Election Debriefing.pdf](#)

Witzel-Behl distributed the attached debriefing.

Malischke suggested that voters at The Jefferson use one drive to enter the parking lot, and another drive to exit.

4. [10128](#) Training for Election Officials

Malischke suggested that the Sequoya Branch Library be used for training sessions on the west side of Madison.

5. [10129](#) Purchase of New Voting Machines

Malischke recommended the the city wait for voting equipment standards to be updated, and for new machines to be certified before considering the purchase of new election equipment.

6. [10130](#) Coordination with schools to increase the use of school buildings as polling sites

Malischke stated that the use of school buildings as polling places seems to be a natural fit.

7. [10131](#) Voter Registration on College Campuses

Malischke suggested a three-prong approach for voter registration on campus:

- Resident Assistants could register voters in the dorms.
- Teaching Assistants who are eligible to vote could register students before or after class.
- New hires could register to vote through the Human Resources department.

8. [10132](#) Preparation for the Fall 2008 Elections

Witzel-Behl reported that the Clerk's Office will need to hire a new Records Clerk/Director of Election Equipment Testing before the fall elections. She also mentioned that light duty workers are preparing the polling place election supplies for September.

9. [10133](#) Update on the pending Resolution that would fund Deputy Clerk position

A motion was made by Malischke, seconded by Brown, to have Committee Chair Better send a letter to the Common Council, expressing the committee's support for funding the Deputy Clerk position in the Clerk's Office. The motion passed by acclamation.

10. [10134](#) Requesting that the school district schedule in-service on election days

Garner told the committee that it is difficult to maintain the integrity of what is being done at a polling place when the voters and poll workers are surrounded by students in a cafeteria or hallway. This has become more of an issue as election day processes have become much more complicated. She suggested working with the Madison Metropolitan School District on this issue.

Piraino said she would be willing to take on this issue, and work with the Superintendent and the School Board. Committee members agreed to invite representatives from the school district to a future meeting to discuss this issue.

11. [04353](#) Suggestions for future agenda items.

Committee members agreed that the following items should be included on the next agenda:

- Preparation for the Fall 2008 Elections
- Coordinating the School District and Election Schedules
- Voter Registration on Campus
- Deputy Clerk Position
- Poll Worker Recruitment
- Recognition of Poll Workers
- High School Poll Workers

12. [05160](#) Confirmation of next MEAC meeting.

The next meeting of the Madison Election Advisory Committee will be at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, in room 101 of the Madison Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Garner, seconded by Malischke, to Adjourn at 5:52 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.