



City of Milwaukee
Meeting Minutes - Final
FRANK P. ZEIDLER COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARD SELECTION
COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, October 17, 2007

2:00 PM

Room 301-G, City Hall

Meeting convened: 2:10 P.M.

Present 4 - Gurda, Bauman, Pratt and Heitzer

Excused 1 - Bruehling

Roll call taken at 2:12 P.M.

Present 5 - Gurda, Bauman, Pratt, Bruehling and Heitzer

1. Introduction of Members

Members introduced themselves, spoke on their relationships to Mr. Zeidler and the Zeidler family and the role of the Committee as they perceived it.

2. Appearance by Jim Owczarski, Deputy City Clerk, for Discussion on Open Meetings/Open Records Laws

Mr. Owczarski spoke about open meetings and open records laws as they relate to this body.

3. Discussion Related to the Nomination Criteria and Procedure

The Committee began by reviewing the draft Nomination Form (Exhibit 1) and amended it. Members stated that individuals will not typically nominate themselves, although they are free to do so, necessitating that the language on any nomination form needs to be in the third person.

The Committee agreed that the nomination forms should be very broad to allow nominees to speak for themselves.

Ald. Bauman suggested that information might be disseminated in the spring, with a deadline at the end of June for submissions. That would give the Committee 2.5 months to review the nominations with the awards presented at a September Council meeting, if the Common Council president approves.

Applicants requesting a nomination form will also receive a brief biography of Mr. Zeidler discussing his work.

The form shall be very brief and shall require:

A resume or curriculum vitae

A narrative re. the nominee's social justice and/or civic accomplishment

Relevant supporting documentation

Mr. Gurda and Mr. Heitzer shall write up a brief document on Mr. Zeidler which shall include biographical information and his work in the areas of social justice and civic

accomplishment.

4. Discussion Related to the Selection Criteria and Procedure

The Committee shall review the nominations received and the attendant documentation provided by all nominees. The 2 awards shall have the same criteria, both related to social justice and civic accomplishment.

5. Type of Award and Award Presentation

Ald. Bauman envisioned a type of trophy, rather than a plaque, which would be presented at a Common Council meeting in September, the month in which Mr. Zeidler was born.

Ald. Bauman supported amending the creating resolution to make it up to 2 awards per year.

Mr. Gurda recommended the symbol of a globe while Ms. Bruehling thought a cityscape might also be appropriate. Discussion followed as to possibly having a City Hall in a globe presented as the award.

Mr. Gurda thought that the Committee could raise money to pay for more unique awards.

Ald. Bauman cautioned that this would require a little more research and legislation if a fundraiser were organized to pay for the awards. If a budget is needed to either pay for design or creation of the awards, the creating resolution would need to be amended to reflect these costs.

Ronald Leonhardt, City Clerk, and Bill Arnold, Publications and Information Manager, appeared before the Committee to discuss alternative trophy models. The City Clerk noted that he could find \$2,500 in the budget so that a budget amendment wouldn't be needed. Mr. Arnold agreed to attend the next Committee meeting for its discussion of award types and costs.

6. Review of the Proposed Nomination Form

This item was discussed under item #2.

7. Set Next Meeting Date and Agenda Topics

The next meeting will be Nov. 14th at 2 p.m.

The agenda will include discussion on the type of award to be presented and review of the biography/background document created by Mr. Gurda and Mr. Heitzer.

Meeting adjourned: 3:20 P.M.

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