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Meeting Minutes ETHICS BOARD

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and Robert Shelledy**

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Thursday, June 16, 2011

9:00 AM

Room 301-A, City Hall

Meeting convened at 9:01 A.M.

Present: 5 - Ellis, Hintz, Wacker, Barndt, Shelledy

Excused: 2 - Turner, Toran

Also present:

Ed Ehrlich - Asst City Atty

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion by Mr. Shelledy, seconded by Ms. Barndt to approve the minutes of the May 18th, 2011 meeting. There were no objections

2. Discussion related to requiring the members of the Public Transportation Review Board to file Statement of Economic Interest.

Motion by Ms. Hintz, seconded by Ms. Wacker, to recommend to the Common Council that members of the new Transportation Review Board be required to file a statement of economic interest. There were no objections.

3. The Board may convene into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats.

There were no matters discussed under closed session.

4. The Board may then convene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stats.

There were no matters discussed under closed session.

5. Report from staff assistant relating to office activities of the previous month.

Staff assistant sent 13 affidavits to the Office of City Attorney relating to the failure to filing the annual statement of economic interest. Since May 17th, the Ethics Board has received four statements and \$500.00 on late fees.

Members discussed a letter dated June 9, 2011 that Ms. Lillian Pound sent the board requesting the late filing fees to be waived.

Chair instructed the staff assistant to respond to Ms. Pound and indicate that based on information available to the board, she received notice of the requirement to file with link to the 2010 statement via email prior to the end of the year (2010), the Ethics board is not inclined to waive any late fees and the matter has been referred to the city attorney. Motion was made by Ms. Hintz seconded by Ms. Wacker. There were no objections.

6. Review newly filed Statement of Economic Interest Forms for clarity and completeness.

The Board review and approved the forms of Laura Ashleigh-King, Mildred Harpole, Roy Evans, Nik Kovac, Dale Radke, Jeffrey Roman, Oscar Tovar, Annie Wacker and Ronald Walter. There were no objections.

*Individuals present:
Dale Radke
Ald. Terry Witkowski*

Mr. Dale Radke, member of the Safety Commission, came to argue that he had not receive the annual form to submit to the board and that given the Safety Commission had not met in a while, he was not required to file. Mr. Ellis asked Mr. Radke if he had provided an email address to the Ethics Board. Mr. Radke responded that his email address had changed in the last two years. It was brought to the attention of the staff assistant that the form sent by mail to Mr. Radke was not the annual form. Members requested for the staff assistant to check last year's form submitted by Mr. Radke to see if an email address was listed. Mr. Ellis told Mr. Radke that the Ethics Board is obligated to follow the code of ethics set out in the city ordinances. The board will investigate as to if notified, how was Mr. Radke to file. The board will investigate further to determine if any late filing fees will be appropriate. Under the ordinance the form is not technically filed until either late fees have been received with the form or they have been waived by the board. The board needs additional information before deciding to waive any late fees in this case.

Ald. Terry Witkowski came as a character witness to Mr. Dale Radke.

Mr. Ellis requested to add the words "2010" and "nominee" to the different titles on the web to avoid any misunderstanding by the public users.

7. Set next meeting date(s).

Wednesday, July 13 at 9:00 A.M., Room 301-A

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.
Joanna Polanco
Staff Assistant