

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Acting Director
April 14, 2014

MINUTES

St. John's Properties
1800 N. Prospect Ave
1:00 PM

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Secretary McGrath called the April meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:07pm.

ITEM II ROLL CALL

Secretary McGrath led the self-introductions of those present. Commissioners present for the meeting of the Milwaukee County Commission for Persons with Disabilities were:

John Haupt
Denise Koss
Barbara Leigh
Cheri Mc Grath
Susan Pickering
Don Richards (joined meeting at 1:15pm)
Meg Steimle
Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki

Absent or Excused:

Luis Arroyo
Deb Falk-Palec
Tom Jacobs
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.
Kathryn Zalewski

Staff:

Mike Bonk
Tim Ochnikowski

Guests:

Joe Czarnezki, County Clerk
Tracy Harrington, MCTS
Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March)

Commissioner Pickering moved to accept the minutes, Commissioner Steimle seconded. Secretary McGrath accepted the minutes.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

County Clerk Joe Czarnezki administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Haupt, Steimle and Walz-Chojnacki. Commissioners Jacobs and Zalewski will take the Oath at another time, to be determined.

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Ms. Harrington indicated that new staff has been hired and that all positions are now filled. A training of new operators was recently completed. There are problems with MTM (non-Medicaid transportation) and those are being reviewed. There has been an appeal filed (American United) with regards to the new RFP / award for taxi services. Discussion took place regarding the taxi service, and the new staff at MCTS.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (March)

Mr. Ochnikowski indicated that there are no updates to the report submitted.



ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Bonk gave a brief overview of the B.U.S.S. event scheduled for April 19, 12pm at Southridge. Individuals will promenade around the property of Southridge in an attempt to keep people aware of the decision of Simon Group to move the bus stop 1,000 feet from the entrance to the mall. Supervisor Jursik, who heads up the B.U.S.S. coalition, will be there to lead the promenade. The event is scheduled to end at 1:30pm. The County Board Transportation Committee unanimously supports these efforts.

Mr. Ochnikowski gave a brief overview of the new DAS-OPD Quarterly Performance Evaluations as well as reviewed the 1st quarter's report.

Mr. Bonk gave a brief overview of the Rec Room, Rec on Deck newsletter and Rec Room Calendar as well as the purpose and goal of each. Met recently with Life Navigators and Spina Bifida WI regarding them becoming involved in the recreation information opportunities that we offer. Also met recently with representatives of Fishing Has No Boundaries (http://www.fhnbinc.org/?page_id=583)regarding the event they're hosting on August 23. Sign up continues for the 3rd Annual Spring Fling with a Splash of Color. We're working with the Girls Scouts on the "splash of color" portion of the event. The Easter Seals Spring Respite has begun today. There are 17 families signed up for parts of or the full week.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Leigh mentioned the upcoming (May 4) re-enactment of the Bay View Tragedy. She'll forward information to the office for inclusion in Handy-NEWS & NOTES, Rec Room Calendar and Rec on Deck.

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Vice-Chair Richards adjourned the meeting at 1:52pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, May 12, 2014 at 1:00pm at Milwaukee Public Library, Braille & Talking Books Library (814 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Tim Ochnikowski, Staff to the Commission