

# MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

## MINUTES

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

### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Falk-Palec called the July meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:06pm.

### ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Luis Arroyo  
Deb Falk-Palec  
John Haupt  
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.  
Denise Koss  
Barbara Leigh  
Cheri Mc Grath  
Susan Pickering  
Meg Steimle  
Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki  
Kathryn Zalewski

Absent or Excused:

Tom Jacobs  
Don Richards

Staff:

Mike Bonk  
Tim Ochnikowski

Guests:

Joe Czarnezki, County Clerk  
Tracy Harrington, MCTS  
Danny Zalewski

### ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June)

Commissioner Pickering moved to accept the minutes, Chair Falk-Palec accepted the minutes.

### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

County Clerk Czarnezki administered the Oath of Office to commissioners Arroyo, Falk-Palec, Koss, Leigh and McGrath.

### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Ms. Harrington indicated that Summerfest went well. There were "pay buses" used, which helped with keeping lines from getting long. Festa free day is coming soon. Real-time testing is going on now as well as the new fare boxes. Transit Plus riders will be getting smartcards. The ridership numbers were discussed.

### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Trust Fund Committee met regarding a request it received from Milwaukee Public Theatre for funding of activities for the Tap the Potential Disability Awareness Month in October. The committee noted that this has been funded since 2007, which goes against the policy of the committee and commission to not fund recurring activities. The committee decided to fund the project in 2014 for the last time. Commissioner Arroyo moved to approve the funding of Milwaukee Public Theatre in the amount of \$1,800 from the Trust Fund to support the expenses of the performing artists and that this will be the last year of funding this event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Hearing no discussion, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.



**ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (June)**

Mr. Ochnikowski indicated that the 2015 budget request has been submitted. We are working on an internship program in conjunction with A&E. A report was given as to the passing away of our rental manager from Wil-O-Way Grant. We'll begin looking for a replacement soon.

**ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS**

Mr. Ochnikowski gave a brief overview of the current situation with the buses and bus stop(s) at Southridge. The compromise between Corporation Counsel and Southridge was highlighted. The lack of safety with both locations was also highlighted. Discussion took place regarding the proposed ordinance that was put on-hold, and what the next steps might be.

Mr. Bonk gave updates on summer camp, the numerous summer recreation opportunities, disability awareness month activities

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

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:22pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, September 8, 2014 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Tim Ochnikowski, Staff to the Commission