

# MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Acting Director  
June 9, 2014

## MINUTES

Milw Public Library, Talking Books  
814 W. Wisconsin Ave  
1:00 PM

### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Falk-Palec called the June meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:28pm.

### 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  
Denise Koss  
Barbara Leigh  
Cheri Mc Grath  
Susan Pickering  
Meg Steimle  
Kathryn Zalewski

Absent or Excused:

Tom Jacobs  
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.  
Don Richards  
Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki

Staff:

Mike Bonk  
Tim Ochnikowski

Guests:

Tracy Harrington, MCTS  
Katie Cavanaugh

### ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May)

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

### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Ms. Harrington gave an overview of the transportation advocates lawsuit going on regarding the zoo interchange project. The plaintiffs won and as a result MCTS will need to expand service into business districts of suburban communities. Discussion took place regarding ADA rules, the results of the lawsuit, the trouble with scheduling routes to the new business districts, and the AVA (Audio / Visual / Announcement) system, new fare boxes being tested and no staffing this year at Summerfest in the Transit Plus location.

### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (May)

Mr. Ochnikowski indicated that there's nothing new outside of the report submitted in the commission packet.

### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Ochnikowski gave a brief overview of the current situation with the buses and bus stop(s) at Southridge. Basically, Mr. Paul Bargren, Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel, is meeting with the Southridge representative trying to work



on a compromise solution. Once something is reached they will present it to the public. Discussion took place regarding the proposed ordinance that was put on-hold, and what an agreement might look like.

Mr. Bonk gave an overview of the sailing program with the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center. The Grill & Chill was a success as 73 people attended and enjoyed the day. Summer Camp is full. The Adaptive Sports Expo is coming up soon (July 26) at Nathan Hale High School in West Allis. Fishing Has No Boundries is coming soon as well (August 23). Discussion took place regarding the Adaptive Sports Expo.

Chair Falk-Palec indicated that a request has been received (Milwaukee Public Theater for Tap The Potential Activities) for funding out of the Trust Fund. The request was referred to the trust Fund Committee, along with the funding guidelines, for their review and recommendation. The committee will meet at 12:30pm on July 14, right before the full commission meeting at 1:00pm. Discussion took place regarding the request.

#### **ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Leigh distributed flyers that list FREE performances and events by the Milwaukee Public Theater.

#### **ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

#### **ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 1:59pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, July 14, 2014 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Tim Ochnikowski, Staff to the Commission