

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
March 9, 2015

### MINUTES

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

#### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Falk-Palec called the March meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:01pm.

#### 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  
Tom Jacobs  
Denise Koss (Via Conference Call)  
Cheri Mc Grath  
Meg Steimle  
Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki

Absent or Excused:

Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.  
Barbara Leigh  
Susan Pickering  
Kathryn Zalewski

Staff:

Mike Bonk  
Tim Ochnikowski

Guests:

Tracy Harrington, MTS  
Marcia Perkins, TPAC, Advocate

#### ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (February)

Commissioner Steimle moved approval of the minutes. Chair Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as approved.

#### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

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

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Ms. Harrington indicated that the RFP for van service will go out very soon. There is a meeting with a County Board committee this week regarding the 'GO Card.' The New Freedom boardings through February 21 = 78,000+. Discussion took place regarding the boarding numbers, sharing with the media the tax dollar savings from the New Freedom program, the cost of the GO Card program and where the funding is coming from, the April 1 start date for the GO Card, and the eligibility criteria for the GO Card.

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioner Steimle indicated that the Wil-O-Way Committee met regarding the Underwood space and the remodeling project. Mr. Ochnikowski gave an update on the project. Mr. Bonk gave an update on the progress of the 2016-2018 Recreation Program/RFP.

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

Mr. Ochnikowski gave an overview of the soon coming 2016 budget instructions, etc. The Milwaukee County Governing Board group, which includes the commission, will be having a meeting regarding the Governor's proposed budget. A representative of the commission is asked to be there to vote on the proposed action to oppose the changes to IRIS, ADRC and Family Care. Commissioner Steimle will be there on behalf of the commission. Discussion took place regarding the meeting, the proposed changes in the budget submission, and the commissions will regarding the proposed changes. Commissioner Walz-Chojnacki moved to give Commissioner Steimle the authority to represent the full commission at the Milwaukee County Governing Board meeting and to vote on the behalf of the full commission regarding the Governor's budget proposal as it relates to proposed changes to IRIS, ADRC, and Family Care. Seconded by Commissioner Koss. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Falk-Palec called for a vote. In favor: unanimous.

**ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS**

Mr. Bonk indicated that summer camp is nearly full at Grant and half full at Underwood. The summer sailing dates are out and Easter Seals will get only one day this year for summer camp. An ADA Celebration event has been planned at the Brewers game on July 22. The ADA Anniversary awareness flyers are being distributed. An update on the MCTAB was given. The Rec Room website and mobile sites are being updated.

Chair Falk-Palec introduced Ms. Perkins who is visiting today and is interested in being considered for the open position on the commission. Ms. Perkins gave an overview of herself as a person, an author and a member of TPAC. She expressed her interest in the commission's work and her desire to join the commission as a member.

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

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:14pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, April 13, 2015 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Mike Bonk & Tim Ochnikowski, Staff to the Commission