

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
May 9th, 2016

### MINUTES

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

#### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Falk-Palec called the May meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:03pm.

#### ITEM II ROLL CALL

Chair Falk-Palec led the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present: Deb Falk Palec, John Haupt, Supervisor Willie Johnson, Denise Koss, Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins, Meg Steimle

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Luis Arroyo, Tom Jacobs, Barbara Leigh, Sue Pickering, Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki, Kathy Zalewski

Staff: Mike Bonk, Tim Ochnikowski

Guests: Tracy Harrington - MCTS

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

Approved – Perkins

#### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Tracy Harrington states ADA boarding's in April are up for the month(16%), and for the year(30%) at this point. 22,000 GoPasses have been distributed in its 1<sup>st</sup> year. Over 200 bus pads have been improved accessibility since New Freedom started.

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

None

#### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (April)

Contract was awarded with construction starting second week of May to be completed by December at Wil-O-Way Underwood. Grant Project, bids are much higher than originally anticipated, and are working with the contractors to see if changes can be made to make the stage happen still this year.

#### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSION

##### A. Recreation Updates

Wil-O-Way Underwood Green-Up Clean-Up was on May 1<sup>st</sup>. 35 people helped with the clean up to remove garlic mustard, pull thistle, pick up leaves, and garbage. Grant's Clean-up was on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Adult Day Services is partnering up with Bryant & Stratton to help invigorate the gardens at Wil-O-Way Grant with additional sensory items. Mike also attended a Grand Rounds at the Medical College of Wisconsin to highlight accessible recreation within Milwaukee County, and may possibly be able to get the information into Epic. Epic is a doctor database that uses searchable keywords to find information for their patients. In addition Spring Recreational Programs are wrapping up May 13<sup>th</sup>, and Summer Programs will begin May 27<sup>th</sup>. Summer Camp is starting June 13<sup>th</sup>, and will be a total of 10 weeks this year. The office is also accepting Sailing reservations. Wil-O-Way Keycard membership has hit last year's numbers already, and hope to see an additional spike in August when Key Cards become discounted even more. Mike is also working on the RFP for Recreational Programming and should have an RFP out in June. In addition he has started planning the Tap the Potential Events in the community as well.

**B. Chairpersons Report**

Jane's walk, 1<sup>st</sup> walk wheelchair accessible. Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. 4:15pm – 5:30pm walk. Fish fry 5:30PM-8:30PM

ADA Webinar regarding Transportation. ADA lawsuits, Transportation Network Companies (Uber/Lyft), for not providing access to persons with disabilities. Bike share will be going down a similar path, due to violating nondiscriminatory path.

**ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Koss stated there is no bus that goes past St. Francis Hospital, and has not contacted her Supervisor Nicholson to discuss this matter, as it is a major destination.

**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, June 13th, 2016 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission