

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

MINUTES

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

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Falk-Palec called the November meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:19pm.

ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Luis Arroyo, Deb Falk-Palec, Tom Jacobs, Cheri Mc Grath, Kathryn Zalewski

Commissioners Absent or Excused: John Haupt, Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Marcia Perkins, Susan Pickering, Meg Steimle, Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki

Staff: Tim Ochnikowski

Guests: Kristin Bennett – City of Milwaukee, Tracy Harrington – MTS, Ken Woodall – MTS

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October)

Commissioner Arroyo moved to approve the October minutes. Hearing no discussion, Chair Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as written.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Ms. Harrington introduced Mr. Woodall and gave a brief review of his duties at MTS. Discussion took place regarding the increased costs associated with the Go Pass program, over 17,000 Go Pass cards have been issued, qualifications for Go Pass, what happens with people who lose their cards, fraud, the Transit Plus contract as it relates to using DBE's, November 1 started the new coverage areas for Transit Plus, and the eligibility determination program with UWM.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

Chair Falk-Palec gave an overview of the Bublr Committee meeting that took place earlier today in the Bublr warehouse/office. Bublr is moving soon to a new location in Schlitz Park – on the corner of 3rd street and Cherry street. The program now has 28 stations in service. The busiest station is on the UWM campus. Some of the busy routes were highlighted. Discussion took place regarding current bikes have locks on them but the new bikes that are being added don't have locks, new stations are being added, having GPS chips in the bikes, having 56 operating stations by next year and looking to hit 100 stations soon, trip tracking by the program, future stations potential sites, Bublr working with Mr. Buchman and The Ability Center, where alternate bikes could be placed, power assist bikes, approaching TREK with the desire for alternate bikes, a needs assessment getting done, currently no federal regulations on bike share programs, asking DOT and DOJ for guidance with accessibility, adding accessibility features to the Bublr website and staff training.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (October)

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, November 9, 2015 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Tim Ochnikowski, Staff to the Commission