

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Mike Bonk, Interim Director
December 14, 2020

MINUTES

Microsoft Teams Meeting
Conference Line: 414-436-3530
Passcode: 660 353 019#

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:00pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Damian Buchman, Norma Duckworth, Deb Falk-Palec, John Haupt, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., Denise Koss, Marcia Perkins and Meg Steimle

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, and Sue Pickering

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus, Theresa Brugger, Danielle Peterson, Goodwill

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July, September, October, November)

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Steimle 2nd the motion. All other commissioners present were in favor of approving the minutes.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Project Search Presentation

Project Search is a High School Transition Program is a unique business led 9-month school to work program that takes place entirely at the workplace. Students work in the classroom on instruction, and get to explore various career paths, while getting hands on experience through worksite rotations. Project Search is a national program that operates at 539 sites in 48 states and in 10 different countries with 29,322 people served. Goodwill works directly with students from MPS, and specifically works with the Milwaukee County Zoo, and Mitchell Airport.

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Staff Fran Musci reported Para Transit 19,213, rides this past, down 52%, 98% on time. Taxi service is down 35% and had rides. MCTS Next. East West Bus Rapid Transit System. Transit Plus office is under construction. 5310 Grant Funding for 2-year cycle, travel training, mobility training, etc. Van Software is updating tonight, to help improve with rider efficiencies. Ridership on the fixed route side also down with ridership, and buses only allow 15 people per bus.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

No committees met since the last meeting.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (November)

Interim Director Bonk gave a brief overview of the Office Report. Most notably the Wil-O-Way Facilities have closed for Private Parties. In addition, the Wil-O-Way sites, have had bipolar ionization units added to the HVAC units to help improve air quality.

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

A. Recreation Report

Interim Director Bonk provided an update regarding the Recreational Programming. The Office for Persons with Disabilities will be working with EasterSeals to amend the contract to provide Recreational Programming but will not be able to provide a Summer Camp opportunity this summer. The Office for Persons with Disabilities will be working with the local sports teams to see if ticket availability will be available for 2021.

B. Chairperson's Report

Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec brought up the idea to formulate goals for the commission to accomplish in 2021. The Commission discussed the idea to have the subcommittees meet to bring forth goals and meet on a more regular basis.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Buchman provided an update regarding Wisconsin Avenue Park, and Bradford Beach. Commissioner Buchman explained that the Beach wheelchairs at will Bradford Beach will be converted to be utilized at Wisconsin Avenue Park when not at the beach to be converted to add ski and trail wheels so now the equipment can be utilized year-round.

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:23pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be January 11th, 2021, 1:00pm by virtual meeting. Please check the agenda for the link, and phone number.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission