

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Mike Bonk, Director
December 13th, 2021

MINUTES

Microsoft Teams Meeting
Conference Line: 414-436-3530
Passcode: 543 280 41#

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, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Deb Falk-Palec, Sue Pickering, Marcia Perkins, Meg Steimle

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Anne Kearney, John Haupt, Norma Duckworth, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., and Cheri McGrath

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (November)

Commissioner Pickering made a motion to approve the minutes. Hearing no objections, Chairwoman Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as written.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT & BUS RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE

Staff Fran Musci provided an informational report regarding Transit Plus. Van service is trending upward and is just under 70% of pre-covid levels. Transit Plus provided 25,229 rides last month. Transit plus is still short on staff. At this time individuals can expect longer ride times. Reinstating No Show Policy, and late cancels. Transit Plus is also contemplating changing the pickup window to 0-30 minutes. Shortening the booking window 14 days in advance, 80% of rides are booked in 3 days in advance, so Transit Plus is considering changing it to 7 days in advance. Closing the reservation call lines at 4:30pm instead of 5:00pm.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (November)

A capital project was started at Wil-O-Way Underwood to finish the remaining redwood siding, to be replaced with red fiberboard siding. The projected completion date will be December 17th.

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

A. Office for Persons with Disabilities integration to DHHS update

Staff Bonk provided an informational update regarding the progress of the Office for Persons with Disabilities integration to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Office for Persons with Disabilities has been meeting with both DHHS and Facilities Management regarding the Integration process for 2022. The Office for Persons with Disabilities will be under a Division within DHHS called the Aging & Disabilities Services Division. The Division will consist of the Aging & Disabilities Resource Center, Adult Protective Services, Division on Aging, and the Office for Persons with Disabilities.

B. Recreation Update

Recreation RFP was put out for bid. Submissions to the RFP Closed on October 29th. The RFP has since been scored and awarded EasterSeals of Southeast Wisconsin. The Contract has been approved at the Finance Committee level and will be considered for approval at the full County Board meeting on December 16th.

C. Chairperson Report

Chairwoman Deb Falk Palec mentioned there is a need for housing for intellectual disabilities within the community. The Chairwoman would like to invite Tom Campbell of Bethesda to a future Commission Meeting to discuss potential housing options.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 1:58pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be January 10, 2021, 1:00pm by virtual meeting. Please check the agenda for the link, and phone number.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission