

# MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Mike Bonk, Interim Director  
July 2021

## 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, John Haupt, Deb Falk-Palec, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., Cheri McGrath, Barbara Leigh, Marcia Perkins

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Norma Duckworth, Denise Koss, Sue Pickering and Meg Steimle

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus, Jonathan Heider

Staff: Mike Bonk

### ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June)

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Leigh 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All other commissioners present were in favor of approving the minutes.

### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Invite David Locher back regarding the BRT in September. Staff Fran Musci reported 23,201 rides in May. Long Term Care Programs are having transportation issue. Currently there are driver shortages. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, capacity levels have been lifted for county buses. Phase 3 MCTS Next Phases are happening in August.

### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

Anne Kearney submitted her resume to the Commission to be considered for Commission Membership. Commissioner Leigh made a motion to recommend Anne Kearney for Commission Membership. Commissioner McGrath second the motion. All Commissioner members in attendance approved the recommendation for Anne Kearney to become a Commission Member.

### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (June)

Interim Director Bonk explained that capacity levels are now up to 100% capacity which 180 people for the hall space. Masks are not required for vaccinated individuals for private party rentals. Masks are still required for Milwaukee County Employees, Contractors of Milwaukee County, and Tenants within the Wil-O-Way Facilities. The Office is looking to hire a Disabilities Recreation Manager. Mr. Bonk also explained that he has started emailing all of the contacts in charge of the Kulture City Initiatives as more building are being reopened. We are in the initial phase of collecting the social story pictures needed for the app. The County will be renovating the Coggs facility to make it more accessible. There are a variety of disability related organizations providing input on the renovation to ensure all needs are being met.

### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

#### A. Recreation Report

The Wil-O-Way Ticket Program has started back up with offers from the Milwaukee Brewers. Wil-O-Way Recreational programming will resume this fall. Sail Away Programs do have some openings for the remainder of Summer.

#### B. Chairperson's Report

The City of Milwaukee has reached out to various groups regarding the electric scooter companies. The City of Milwaukee is looking at adding options that may be more accessible to individuals with disabilities. They are looking at possibly adding seated scooters to provide more stability.

**ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:28pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be September 13th, 2021, 1:00pm by virtual meeting. Please check the agenda for the link, and phone number.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission