

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
April 9, 2018

MINUTES

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

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:04pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Deb Falk-Palec, Anne Kearney, Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins, Sue Pickering, and Kathy Zalewski

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Tom Jacobs, Supervisor Willie Johnson, Denise Koss, Meg Steimle, John Haupt,

Guests: Ken Woodall – Transit Plus

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINTUES (March)

Cheri McGrath made a motion to approve the minutes. Hearing no discussion, Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as written.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

MCTS Staff Ken Woodall reports taxi cabs are reporting better on time performance than the transit plus vehicles at this time. Staff Woodall reports the percentages have not been finalized, but will update the group once the results are final. In the month of March 6,632 ADA Boarding's up 3% from last year. YTD 14,559 ADA Boarding's 18,211 last year, down about 20%. Commission inquired if MCTS is at all related to the Street Car, and if Ms. Harrington would be interested in coming to an upcoming meeting. Other cab issues, with Uber, Lyft cab companies do not have same standards when it comes to accessibility, as the providers will not honk or call out to individuals with disabilities.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

No Committees Met.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

Commission discussed the Bucks Arena Sensory Room, and requested the office to reach out to the team to ensure the room is being done, and what it will look like. Commission commended Staff Mike Bonk for working with Visit Milwaukee on including accessibility within the magazine. Commissioner McGrath asked Staff is large print and braille were an option for the magazine. Staff was unsure of the answer, but would seek out the answer before the next meeting.

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

A. Recreation Report

Staff Mike Bonk reported that April Newsletters will highlight the upcoming Sail Away program partnership with the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center that allows individuals and their families to go sailing for free at Lake Michigan. Commissioner McGrath asked if the lift is available, and if not how much would it cost to get replaced. Staff explained that the lift is currently inoperable, and that he is unsure of costs to purchase a new lift, because fixing the old lift is not an option. Staff Mike Bonk also reported significant savings at the Wil-O-Ways regarding utility costs. Staff also explained that the savings should continue to drop even more one the LED's savings take in the effect the next quarter. Summer Camp booklets have been sent out, and camps will see an increase to camp families this year due to additional cuts between the Disabilities Services Division and Easterseals. There will not be a drop in camper attendance due to budget, simply a raise to camper fees.

B. Chairperson's Report – City of Milwaukee is forming a work group regarding additional options for bike options in Milwaukee. Portland program is partnered with bike shops to have bikes. Date of workgroup meeting. Next meeting location may change due to construction beginning at the St. John's Meeting. May

14th meeting will have a 30 minute closed session regarding new commission membership prior to the next commission meeting.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

Smart Paint is currently being testing in Ohio State which has a magnetic field within the paint, in which the cane would be attracted to the paint.

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Commissioner adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be May 14th, 2018, 1:00pm at St. John's on the Lake (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission