

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
April 8th, 2019

MINUTES

St. John's On the Lake
1800 N. Prospect Ave.

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:03 pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

Acting Chairwoman Steimle led the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present: John Haupt, Supervisor Willie Johnson, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Marcia Perkins,

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Deb Falk-Palec, Cheri McGrath, and Meg Steimle, Norma Duckworth, and Sue Pickering

Guests: Damian Buchman - The Ability Center, Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (February)

Commissioner Johnson Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Perkins made a 2nd motion to approve the minutes. Hearing no objections, Acting Chairwoman Meg Steimle accepted the minutes as written.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Staff Fran Musci provided an update to the Commission. Ms. Musci is promoting the travel training program that is open for anyone to use as a free service. American United contract expires in May. MCTS is reviewing the RFP's and is in the process of selecting a vendor. Transit Plus Ridership had 33,288 rides for last month. Transit Plus had an 88% on time performance. Commissioner Leigh read a thank you note that was drafted to commend the Transit Plus drivers, as well as MCTS drivers. Commission made a motion to approve the letter to be sent to the Transit Company as a thank for all the good work they do.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

Wil-O-Way Committee met before the next Commission Meeting to discuss inclusivity at Wil-O-Way Camps with the Office for Persons with Disabilities and Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

Staff Mike Bonk reported free Aira services will be available at the Milwaukee County concert series within the Parks system, as well as the Beer Gardens seasonally.

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

- A. Recreation Report – The Office for Persons with Disabilities is taking Sail Away Reservations. Summer Camp registrations have started, and over 50 have applied thus far. Capacity for the Summer Camps is 80. Staff will start a waiting list if applications go beyond the 80 spots. In addition Easterseals is hiring for the summer camps, and is looking to fill positions. The sports ticket program that is a part of the Wil-O-Way Key Card Program will now be offering Milwaukee Milkmen tickets as well.
- B. Chairperson's Report –
Pilot Adaptive Bike Program through the City of Milwaukee should launch this spring. 17 Bikes have been purchased.
The Ability Center is partnering with Parks Department to provide Mob matting at Bradford Beach, and will be getting additional beach wheelchairs this summer. In addition they are partnering with BublR Bikes, and

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide opportunities to learn how to ride on the Adaptive Bikes that will be offered in the Bublr Bike system.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Acting Chairwoman Steimle adjourned the meeting at 1:44 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be May 13th, 2019, 1:00pm at St. John's on the Lake, 1800 N. Prospect Ave.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission