

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
February 11th, 2019

### MINUTES

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

#### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:00 pm

#### ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Norma Duckworth, John Haupt, Deb Falk-Palec, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, Meg Steimle (via phone)

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Marcia Perkins, Sue Pickering

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

Staff: Mike Bonk

#### ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January)

Commissioner Leigh made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Haupt made a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve the minutes. Hearing no objections, Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as written.

#### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Staff Fran Musci reported 527,000+ transit plus rides in 2018 up 1,500 rides from 2017. Transit Plus continues to see a driver shortage. MCTS is working on a snow removal video this discusses the importance of clearing curb cuts, and fire hydrants. MCTS hopes this will be posted to social media soon.

Mitch Harris, transit planner, for MCTS provided an update on the MCTS Next Initiative. Goal is to provide 15 minutes or less service. The biggest complaint users have is the duration time between buses. MCTS Next initiative has two separate models they are looking for feedback on. Some routes would be eliminated in order to improve the efficiency for transit as a whole.

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

#### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

##### A. Recreation Report

Staff Mike Bonk reported Snowmobile festival has over 120 participants. Mr. Bonk also reported that both Wil-O-Way sites had building assessments done by our Architects and Engineering team at Milwaukee County. The assessment team looks at all major components of the facilities and recommends any major upgrades that need to occur, within the next 20 years, projecting life cycles of our components so we can better budget what repairs will be necessary for the upcoming years. The Office for Persons with Disabilities has been meeting with Damian from the Ability Center, in hopes to continue to increase accessibility at the Lakefront at Bradford Beach. Beach wheelchairs we added several years ago, but now we are hoping to add additional access by adding pavement, that leads to mobi-matting, which could get a user much closer to the water. Staff met with Karin B. at the Disabilities Services Division regarding Dawn's Green, Out of the Minds Eye (Eagle). The Commission will invite Karin to the next meeting to consider to donation of the Artwork to the Disabilities Services Division. Staff has also been in with talks with the Parks Department regarding the possibility of trails on the states land to meet up with the County Land located at Wil-O-Way Underwood to provide additional access to the trail system. Summer Camp Books have been

sent out to families, and applications are due May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This year will incorporate 3 two week sessions taking off the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

- B. Chairperson’s Report – City of Milwaukee Pilot Adaptive Bike workgroups next meeting is Friday at 10:30am. Bublr has developed a prototype to adapt accessible bikes to fix in current docking stations. Bublr will be discussing if the prototype is feasible going forward.

**ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be March 11th, 2019, 1:00pm at St. John’s on the Lake, 1800 N. Prospect Ave.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission

