

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
January 9, 2017

MINUTES

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

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:00pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Deb Falk-Palec, John Haupt, Tom Jacobs, Denise Koss, Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins, Meg Steimle, Sue Pickering.

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Barbara Leigh, Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki, Kathy Zalewski,

Staff: Mike Bonk, Tim Ochnikowski (via Skype)

Guests: Tracy Harrington (MCTS), Anne Kearney (constituent)

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September-December)

Commissioner Arroyo's first name was misspelled on the November and December minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Commissioner Perkins. Approved as corrected

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Ms. Harrington reported all of the wins on the Bus Stop Barrier Removal Program and improvements in 2016. Chris Fox of MCTS has a prioritized list of bus stops to fix next. ADA Boarding's 286,000 Go Pass 7 Million Boardings. \$5 application fee for new applicants. ADRC will take over the program for enrollments. \$1 daily fee ride. 12 to 20 new applications per day are still coming in, and ADRC will take over this program soon. Commissioner Steimle asked what the new means testing requirements will be. Ms. Harrington does not know the requirements at this time, and will update group as she is notified. Commissioner Perkins asked "How long the GoPass is good for?" Ms. Harrington explained the GoPass will last 3 years. Chair Deb Falk-Palec asked they will know financial requirements and what they will do for those who already have the pass, but will no longer be eligible.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Nominating Committee reported the following as it's slate of officers for the commission to consider and vote on.

Chair – Deb Falk-Palec

Vice Chair – Sue Pickering

Secretary – Marcia Perkins

Treasurer – Open

At Large for Executive Committee – Denise Koss & Meg Steimle

Discussion took place regarding; Commissioner Perkins nominated herself for the Treasure position which was not currently filled, and Commissioner Pickering would like to be Vice Chair this year, and with the goal to be the Chairwoman the following year. Commissioner Koss moved to approve the slate of officers for 2017 for the Milwaukee County Commission for Persons with Disabilities. Commissioner McGrath seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the vote was called. ACTION: the vote passed unanimously.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

- A. Recreation Update(s)
- B. Commission / Committee 2017 Goals (Ideas)

Goals include: review Commission Bylaws, make connections with other disability related organizations for 10 Min presentations at one of our meetings, employment improvements for persons with disabilities, and the St. Francis Hospital Bus issue.

- C. Chairpersons Report

Commissioner Arroyo sent us his formal letter of resignation from the Commission. The Chair mentioned that the Executive Committee has discussed this anticipated opening and they have reviewed the resume of Ms. Anne Kearney and are recommending her to the Commission for their consideration. Commissioner Pickering moved to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee, to recommend Anne Kearney to the County Executive for the open position on the Commission. Commissioner Steimle seconded the motion. Following brief discussion regarding Ms. Kearney, the Chair called for the vote. ACTION: the vote passed unanimously.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, February 13th, 2017 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission

