

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
January 14th, 2018

### 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, Deb Falk-Palec, John Haupt, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, and Marcia Perkins

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Sue Pickering, and Meg Steimle

Guests: Damian Buchman - The Ability Center, Stefan Dostanic - County Clerk, Fran Musci - Transit Plus, Angeline Tesch – Tap the Potential Artist,

Staff: Mike Bonk

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

Commissioner Leigh made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Perkins 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

Oath of Office for Commissioners – Stefan Dostanic, County Clerk

Commissioners sworn in include: Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec, Commissioner Cheri McGrath, Commissioner Norma Duckworth, Commissioner John Haupt, Commissioner Denise Koss, Commissioner Marcia Perkins, and Commissioner Barbara Leigh. Commissioner Pickering and Commissioner Steimle, will have to administer the Oath at a later date.

Tap the Potential Mitchell International Airport Artshow Eric Hobbs Award Winner is Ms. Angeline Tesch – Ms Tesch has submitted artwork for the past five years within the show. “The Beginning” was the winning painting. Ms Tesch described the painted as being an abstract piece of artwork that includes the beginning of the alphabet starting left to right, and right to left. Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec presented the \$500 Eric Hobbs Award, and took pictures with the Artist and the artwork.

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Staff Fran Musci reported the year end transportation numbers in 2018. Paratransit provided 442,659 trips in 2018. New Freedom boarding's are down in 2018. MCTS is renovating their main entrance at their administration office located on 12<sup>th</sup> and Vliet. Alternate entrances will be accessible for assessments. Ms. Musci also reported that Go Pass rates went up to \$2 per day. Commissioner Leigh commended MCTS bus drivers for assisting her on to the bus. MCTS will be adding 12 new buses in 2019.

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

#### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

##### A. Recreation Report

Staff Mike Bonk reported that Spring Program Guides and Summer Camp Books are finished getting developed and are being mailed out. Some changes to Summer Camp this year include three two week sessions, and will be closed the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The change was made due to staffing issues, and low attendance rates in previous years. Snowmobile festival will on of the most popular events of the year will take place on February 2 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm. Milwaukee County is now providing Aira at various Milwaukee County locations, and is free for constituents to use free of charge. Staff Mike Bonk continues to work with the various sports teams to provide free ticket opportunities with the Milwaukee Admirals,

Bucks and Wave. Additional discounted ticket offers are available through the Fiserv Forum Ticketpass as well as the Marcus Center.

B. Chairperson's Report –

**ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be February 11th, 2019, 1:00pm at St. John's on the Lake, 1800 N. Prospect Ave.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission