

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Mike Bonk, Interim Director
January 11, 2020

MINUTES

Microsoft Teams Meeting
Conference Line: 414-436-3530
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ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:03pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Damian Buchman, Deb Falk-Palec, John Haupt, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., Denise Koss, Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins, Sue Pickering and Meg Steimle

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Norma Duckworth and Barbara Leigh

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December)

Commissioner Haupt made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Perkins 2nd the motion. All other commissioners present were in favor of approving the minutes.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Staff Fran Musci reported Para Transit 16,384 rides this past, down 54% from 2019. Taxi service is down 48% and had 2,423 rides. Department on Aging will be hiring a Mobility Manager. Department on Aging will also be providing transportation for Seniors to get groceries, visit senior centers and go to medical appointments. Transportation will be provided through a contract with First Transit. 5310 Grant Funding for 2-year cycle, travel training, mobility training, etc. has been approved. Van Software is now updated and running.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee's will meet after today's commission to discuss goals for 2021 and present those goals at next month's meeting. Commission discussed which members are on each committee (Wil-O-Way, Facilities Access, and Program Access), and what each committee does.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (December)

Interim Director Bonk provided the Office Report. Staff provided an update regarding the Recreational Contract with EasterSeals. Staff is working on Recreational offerings for Spring and are looking towards Summer and Fall Programming. Both Wil-O-Way Facilities are closed. The Office for Persons with Disabilities had 23 Sign Language Interpreter Requests. There was also one request for an Auditory Listening Device.

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

- A. Recreation Report
- B. Chairperson's Report

The Assistant County Clerk has been reaching out to Commissioners regarding their reappointments to get sworn in as Commissioners. Several more appointments will expire in March and will need to submit their resumes. Next month the Commission will vote for the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary position.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:06pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be February 8th, 2021, 1:00pm by virtual meeting. Please check the agenda for the link, and phone number.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission