

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
July 10, 2017

MINUTES

Wil-O-Way Underwood
10602 Underwood Parkway
1:00 PM

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: Deb Falk-Palec, Anne Kearney, Denise Koss, Cheri McGrath, and Marcia Perkins, Meg Steimle, and Kathy Zalewski

Commissioners Absent or Excused: John Haupt, Tom Jacobs, Barbara Leigh, Sue Pickering, Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki, and Supervisor Willie Johnson

Staff: Mike Bonk, Tim Ochnikowski

Guests: Tracy Harrington – MCTS, Chelsea McCracken – Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June)

Commissioner Perkins moved to approve the minutes, Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec accepted the minutes hearing no discussion

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

Chelsea McCracken gave a special report on how the Summer Camps were going at the Wil-O-Way Facilities. 52 enrolled at Underwood and 56 at Grant. Summer Camp hours are 9:00am – 3:30pm. Additional pm care is available from 3:30pm to 5pm for families who need the additional respite due to work hours. Wil-O-Way Summer Camps all include field trips and transportation within the costs of the camps. Chelsea discussed the activities that were planned on a daily basis that focused on improving gross motor, fine motor, and verbal skills. Staff to camper ratio are 1 to 4. In addition Chelsea gave a brief update on how the selection process works. Camp costs at the Wil-O-Ways are \$335 per session.

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Tracy Harrington of MCTS reported that ADA boarding's are down this year, which is unusual due to the warmer weather we have had this year. Tracy reported that the Go Pass is now officially turned over to the ADRC regarding requirements for eligibility for the program. New Freedom rides are slightly down. MCTS is going to start a pilot with the new Quantum restraint system that allows for quicker ADA boarding's. MCTS is starting with one unit to try and has expressed local successes in Eau Claire, and Green Bay. Commission suggested to have the new bus on display for Doors Open Milwaukee. In addition MCTS will continue to run securement trainings that will include the new Q-strait securement. Commission then discussed new City of Milwaukee and questions of Accessibility on the new street car.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

A. Recreation Update(s)

Mike Bonk reported that the Sailing Program with the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center continues to be a big success. Mike reported that morning sailing dates have mostly been filled, and several afternoon sailing dates are still available. Commissioner Perkins shared her personal experience sailing and told the group she really enjoyed the sailing opportunity.

B. Chairpersons Report

Chair Deb Falk-Palec provided an update regarding the adaptive bike share program in Wauwatosa is now available. Wauwatosa is the first in the country to have multiple bike vendors for a ride share program. Wauwatosa now has a hand cycle, trike and side by side bikes that can be rented out at the bike station. Information can be found on the

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 1:46pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be September 11th, 2017, 1:00pm at St. John's on the Lake (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission