

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
July 9th, 2018

MINUTES

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

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:03pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

Commissioner Koss led the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present: John Haupt, Anne Kearney, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, Meg Steimle, Marcia Perkins, Sue Pickering,

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Deb Falk-Palec, Supervisor Willie Johnson, Kathy Zalewski

Guests: Fran Musci – Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINTUES (June)

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Haupt 2nd the motion. Hearing no discussion, acting Chairwoman Koss accepted the minutes as written.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Fran Musci provided the Transit Plus report. In the month of May Transit Plus had 37,542 riders. Year to date Transit Plus has had 169,814 rides. Taxi Rides are up and van rides are down. On MCTS buses there were 8,040 mobility riders, which is down for the year, but that ridership numbers may not be accurate due to a lack of properly scanning MCards. MCTS will be hosting a Mobility device securement training on July 25th 1-3pm. If you are interested in attending the rider securement training please RSVP by July 20th to Chris Fox at 414-937-3256. Commissioner Leigh asked when the new Quantum securement will be used on buses. Quantum will be used once the Bus Rapid Transit line is introduced.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

No committees met.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

On July 17th Milwaukee County will convert the website to the new look. With the new website the office has made it easier for Rental Managers to provide rental reports to the staff. This will improve the overall process of rentals.

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

A. Recreation Report

Staff has received commendations regarding how well the Sailing Program has been going this summer. Summer Camp has been going great this year as well. Behaviors at camp has been very minimal and staff has been very engaged with the campers. There have been a lower number of attendees at camp this year due to staff shortages. The staff that are at camp this year are mostly college aged students who are hoping to work in disability related fields. Staff reported that the Weekend Rental activity is off the charts this year, and has been generating record revenues. The staff is looking at the possibility at raising the rates for 2019 to help fully utilize the facilities as well as help generate additional revenue.

B. Bike Share

Advocates have been stating that the disability community likes the idea of having accessible bikes spread throughout the community with a variety of options (trikes, side by sides, and hand cycles) through a dockless bike program. The City of Milwaukee continues to push towards the idea of a docked station where all adaptive bikes would be stored at a separate location from the rest of the current docked station bikes. Next Bike share meeting will be July 13th 1:00pm to 2:30pm at the Washington Park Library.

C. Future Presentations (ABLE, IRIS, The Hop, Others)

Commission discussed future meetings and the possible presentations. August the Commission will not be having a meeting. September the commission is hoping to have Cheryl Orgas from the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library and ABLE will attend. In October the commission is hoping to have Dan Krohn speak in regards to IRIS and the Management Group.

D. Chairperson's Report –
No additional reports

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Commissioner Steimle made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Pickering 2nd the motion. Acting Chairwoman Koss adjourned the meeting at 2:46 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be September 10th, 2018, 1:00pm at Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission