

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
July 8th, 2019

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, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins, Meg Steimle(via phone),

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Damian Buchman, John Haupt, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, and Sue Pickering

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk, Tim Ochnikowski (via phone)

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May & June)

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes Commissioner Steimle second.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Fran Musci provided the Transit Plus Report. Transit Plus rides for the previous month were 38170 with an on time percentage of 94.85%. Mainline Bus system will be budgeting to cut 10% due to a \$6.4 Million dollar deficit. Possible route eliminations include, flyers, and other specific routes including 33, etc. Ridership is down across the fixed route as well as Transit Plus system.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

- A. Bird Scooters in Milwaukee
Commission is concerned about scooter returning to Milwaukee, and the safety of its users and affect it could have on persons with disabilities. Commission discussed ways to ensure scooters stay on the road, as well as placement of scooters to prevent issues with individuals with visual impairments. Commission discussed the idea of inviting Kate of DPW to a future meeting.
- B. Hobbs Award Art Pieces (Placement Status)
Staff Mike Bonk provided a history of previous Eric Hobbs Award Winners. 2013 Jeff LaDow, Santa's Village Christmas – Eric Hobbs, 2014 Rosemary Fortney, Winged Flight, Airport, 2015 Cammie Draheim, All Day Every Day, Boerner Botanical Gardens, 2016 -2018 all need to be distributed to different community buildings. 2017 Dawn Green Out of the Minds Eye – Commission approved a Vote to have an art piece at Coggs until Coggs would like to return it. Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr. made a motion to approve and Commissioner Perkins second the motion to approve. Commission suggested Children's court as a possible location for the Crayola Heartwork piece.
- C. Potentially Hosting County-Wide Listening Session
ERC wanted to hear from community regarding disability related issues. In person as well as electronic survey regarding services. Chairwoman Falk-Palec is wondering if the Commission would be interested in

doing something similar. Ask for strengths, how Milwaukee County can do better for you. Commissioner Duckworth explained some people with disabilities don't know who to reach out to. Commissioner Duckworth also explained the process is even more difficult for individuals with language barriers, and minorities.

D. Recreation Report

Staff Mike Bonk provided the Recreation report. Staff reported the camps are setup as 3 two week sessions. The Summer Camps are off the week of the 4th of July. Easterseals decided to change the Site Leader at Wil-O-Way Grant. New leadership appears to be doing a great job. Sail Away morning sails are all full except one date, and several afternoon sailing opportunities are still available. Comments on social media were made on how great the Aira service is at the Bradford Beach, and how happy they were that this is available for free. The UW-Extension and volunteers received a Best of Tour award for all of their hard work within the garden space at Wil-O-Way Grant.

E. Chairperson's Report

BublR Bikes to launch accessible bikes soon. 17 Accessible bikes have been purchased through the City of Milwaukee, and are having some delays due to adapting the bikes. In Wauwatosa the Zagster bike station has been removed, and nothing has been replaced yet. BublR Bikes is expected to provide adaptive for the City of Wauwatosa, but nothing has been provided yet. The City of Wauwatosa owns the 5 bikes that Zagster provided, and has yet to been seen as to how they will be utilized.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:59pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be September 9th, 2019, 1:00pm at St. John's on the Lake, 1800 N. Prospect Ave.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission