

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
July 13th, 2020

### MINUTES

Microsoft Teams Meeting  
Conference Line: 888-251-2909  
Passcode: 5702415

#### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:20pm

#### ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Norma Duckworth, Deb Falk-Palec, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath (via phone), Sue Pickering, and Meg Steimle

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Damian Buchman, John Haupt, Denise Koss, and Marcia Perkins

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus, Diana Pitkaranta

Staff: Mike Bonk

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

Commissioner Steimle made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Johnson Jr. second the motion to approve the minutes. Hearing no discussion, the minutes were approved.

#### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

Commission acknowledged Director Ochnikowski for his 30 years of service and wish him well into retirement.

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Staff Fran Musci reported Para Transit 15,344 rides this past June. MCTS is looking at adding mask dispensers by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Paratransit vehicles may add additional plexiglass to provide a barrier between the driver and the passengers. Paratransit has a capacity of 4 riders per vehicle.

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

No committees met since the last meeting.

#### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (June)

Bradford Beach ADA Boardwalk improvement will be completed July 24<sup>th</sup>. Director Ochnikowski will be attending the press conference and ribbon cutting ceremony for opening Bradford Beach as one of the most accessible beaches in the country.

#### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

##### A. Recreation Report

Staff Mike Bonk explained that more and more county functions are reopening such as the Milwaukee County Zoo, Boerner Botanical Gardens, and Beer Gardens. Staff Bonk has been helping Facilities Management with the planning and implementation of the reopening of the courthouse.

##### B. Chairperson's Report

Chairwoman Falk-Palec explained there are additional events planned for the Anniversary of the ADA. Ability Fest which was scheduled for this year has been rescheduled to 2021 due to COVID-19. Commissioner Leigh explained there is also a virtual event being planned for October 26<sup>th</sup> thru November 1<sup>st</sup> and will update the commission as details become available. Chairwoman Falk-Palec also asked if any commissioners have seen an Adaptive Publr Bikes out in the community as the city of Wauwatosa has only one trike available at this time. The City of Milwaukee should have 15 bikes available, but the commission has only seen 3 out in the community, and is wondering where all the bikes have gone.

**ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be September 14th, 2020, 1:00pm by virtual meeting. Please check the agenda for the link, and phone number.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission