

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
June 18th, 2018

### MINUTES

St. John's Properties  
1800 N. Prospect Ave.  
12:30 PM

#### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

12:30pm

#### 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, Meg Steimle (via phone), Kathy Zalewski

Commissioners Absent or Excused: John Haupt, Barbara Leigh, Marcia Perkins, Sue Pickering, and, Supervisor Willie Johnson,

Guests: Becky Rabatin, James Hannig, Mike Amsden – City of Milwaukee, Damian Buchman – Ability Center, Steven Kearney - Public

Staff: Mike Bonk, Timothy Ochnikowski

#### ITEM III COMMISSION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Commission requested to go into closed session to discuss commission membership. Motion by Commissioner Steimle, Second by Koss.

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

No:

#### ITEM IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May)

Commissioner Koss made a motion to approve the minutes. Hearing no discussion, Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as written.

#### ITEM V SPECIAL REPORTS

City of Milwaukee, Department of Public Works (Various Projects)

Staff James Hannig introduced all of the city staff that attending the meeting. Mike Amsden discussed the pedestrian master plan the city has formed which includes a pedestrian network summary, crash & yielding analyses, project development, and maintenance recommendations. The city is also working on a citywide safe routes to school plan that includes site specific plans for over 20 elementary and middle schools. In addition the City is continuing to develop the Milwaukee Complete Streets Policy which the vision includes designing safe streets for all ages, abilities, and mode of travel. Additional projects are getting started at Locust St & North Ave on June 11<sup>th</sup> to make road diets which will take away the parking lane and separate walkers and bikers with a separate protected lane. Markers will be added between bikers and the roadways to increase safety. In addition to these two locations six additional locations have been selected to improve safety for bikers and pedestrians. Mr. Hannig also discussed that bike share will be entering the second phase which will add 26 stations and expand the bike program into neighborhoods which will reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, and improve intermodal connectivity. The City is also working in collaboration with the County to come up a signage plan to be used on City's and County's Trail system which includes wayfinding, signage recommendations, and implementation strategies. Other projects include the Bicycle Parking Program which will install 4000 bike racks within the city, in hopes to collaborate with business and property owner to offer additional advertising options to generate additional revenue. The City has started a workgroup to start a pilot Adaptive Bike Program. The workgroup will help identify partners, develop an effective approach for a pilot program. In addition to the pilot program the city is working on a dockless ordinance that would allow operators to provide bikes, utilizing public racks. The ordinance is still in process and has not been finalized. Staff also discussed the Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS). The APS communicates walk and don't walk for individuals with visual impairments. Key features include walk indication, push button locator tones, tactile arrows, and an automatic volume adjustment based on the surrounding sounds. Currently the city has provided 31 signalized intersections. There are currently 14 APS requests, and the city only installs 3 to 4 per year.

#### ITEM VI TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

**ITEM VII COMMITTEE UPDATES****ITEM VIII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT****ITEM IX COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS****A. Recreation Report**

Staff Mike Bonk reported that the contracts with Adult Day services and Goodwill services have been renewed and can be extended up to 5 years for Goodwill and 6 years with Adult Day if they accept options after their 3 year contracts. The Easterseals contract was also amended from the previous contract to not have reimbursements for transportation dollars which will save the county money. The summer camp capacity is 52 campers at each Wil-O-Way location. Currently Easterseals is short staffed and was unable to hire enough staff to meet the capacity so the current enrollment numbers are 36 campers at Wil-O-Way Underwood with 9 campers waitlisted, and 44 campers enrolled at Wil-O-Way Grant with 18 waitlisted. The Wil-O-Way Grant playground surface has some cracking and places where holes have formed. Staff is working closely with the Parks department try to get these areas patched at a minimum, but ideally get the playground surface completely replaced. Staff reported that the website launch has now been delayed until August. Staff also attended an ADA training regarding recreational facilities. Staff reported that the beach wheelchairs that were located at Braford Beach were vandalized. The management group at Surg through away the vandalized beach wheelchairs. Parks, Surg, Ramp up MKE, and the Office for Persons with Disabilities are all working together to ensure the chairs will be replaced, and hopefully make additional improvements to beach access. Sailing has started with our partnership with the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center. Staff also attended the ADA Taskforce meeting for Summerfest, and reported there are two new area, the Klements Stage with is supposed to feel like a neighborhood concert, and the U.S. Cellular Stage which now faces West and gives a better view of the lakefront and downtown. Accessibility was considered and highlighted in both of the projects.

**B. Bike Share****C. Future Presentations (ABLE, IRIS, The Hop, Others)**

Commission discussed future meetings and the possible presentations. July the commission is hoping to have Tracy Harrington to be available to discuss the accessibility of the Hop Streetcar. August the Commission will not be having a meeting. September the commission is hoping to have Cheryl Orgas from the Talking Book and Braille Library attend. In October the commission is hoping to have Dan Krohn speak in regards to IRIS and the Management Group.

**D. Chairperson's Report –Next meeting location may change due to construction at the St. John's Meeting. Possible locations include Wil-O-Way Underwood, Libraries, St. John's, or MCTS.****ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS****ITEM XI OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC****ITEM XII ADJOURN**

Commissioner adjourned the meeting at 2:57pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be July 9th, 2018, 1:00pm at St. John's on the Lake (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission

