

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
June 10th, 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 Sue Pickering led the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present: John Haupt (via phone), Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, Meg Steimle (via phone), Sue Pickering

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Damian Buchman, Norma Duckworth, Deb Falk-Palec, Supervisor Willie Johnson, and Marcia Perkins

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May)

Commissioner Steimle made a correction of the May meeting that the date for the next meeting was not correct. Staff Mike Bonk explained that there was not a quorum as half of the commission was not present.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Fran Musci provided the Transit Plus Report. Transit Plus rides for the previous month were 37,855 with an on time percentage of 93.64%. Mainline Bus system will be budgeting to cut 10% \$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

Wil-O-Way Grant recently had the pour in place surface replaced at the playground. UX-Extension is hosting a garden tour at Wil-O-Way Grant to view and vote for the best garden in South Milwaukee. At this time no one has taken advantage of the Aira service as of right now.

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

- A. Recreation Report – Staff Mike Bonk provided the Recreation report, and explained that he recently presented the Adult Recreation, and Summer Camp opportunities to the Milwaukee County Transition Advisory Board (MCTAB). The Milwaukee County Parks Department, OPD, Ramp Up MKE, Kelly Greenscapes, and the Milwaukee County Executive, Chis Abele, held press conference unveiling of the concept to provide access to Bradford Beach. The fundraising goal is to raise \$100,000. The County Executive provided a personal check of \$25,000 to start the campaign, and the Milwaukee County Parks Department provided an additional \$10,000 towards the \$100,000 goal. If the \$100,000 goal is met the lakefront will be transformed to provide a permanent ramp structure to the beach, where it will meet up with a temporary mobimat which can be rolled out daily to provide access all the way to the water. In addition the fundraising goal will purchase additional beach wheelchairs that will be made available for free for the constituents to use at the lakefront that gives additional mobility over the sand. Our Sail Away opportunities are filling up fast. Most mornings are full, but many afternoons are still available. Staff reported Tap the Potential events that take place in October will be adding a new event this year at Wil-O-Way Grant to have

a talent show this year. Additional events that are planned include the Mitchell International Airport Art Show, Fashion Show, and White Cane Day Flash Mob. In addition Easterseals is almost fully staffed for the summer camps, and is looking to fill only a few positions. All three sessions of summer camp are at full capacity at this time, and have a waitlist started. Summer Camp will run June 17th – August 2nd taking off the week of July 4th.

B. Chairperson’s Report -

Acting Chairwoman shared a message from the Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec stating to thank Commissioner McGrath for serving on the Transit Plus Appeals Board. Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec also sent a commendation for Jo Deville for received an honorable mention award for her travel training initiative through MCTS. Chair Falk-Palec also reported the City of Wauwatosa will be removing the Zagster Adaptive Bike Station, and provide adaptive bikes through the Bublr Bike system and try to locate a new Bublr Station where the current Zagster station is located.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commission Haupt provided an update to the Tour of America’s Dairyland races, which will again include hand cycles races in Grafton, WI. Racers travel from all across the country to compete.

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Staff Mike Bonk provided a brief update regarding the state legislation regarding electric scooters. State law is changing to allow the municipalities to decide whether to allow or disallow electric scooters. The city of Milwaukee is considering allowing scooters once the law has officially been passed, which could be problematic for individuals with disabilities if docking the scooters in proper locations are not followed.

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:06pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be July 8th, 2019, 1:00pm at St. John’s on the Lake, 1800 N. Prospect Ave.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission

